Academic Dishonesty

The University goal is to foster an intellectual atmosphere that produces educated, literate people. Because cheating and plagiarism are at odds with that goal, they shall not be tolerated in any form. Students are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct. Therefore, all work submitted by a student must represent that student’s own ideas and effort; when the work does not, the student has engaged in academic dishonesty.

Academic Dishonesty Regulations

1. **Cheating** is (a) the use or attempted use of unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise; or (b) actions taken to gain unfair or undue advantage over others. Examples of cheating include (but are not limited to):
   a. Receiving, providing, and/or using unauthorized assistance or materials on any work required to be submitted for any course (including online services or social media to write papers).
   b. Alteration or insertion of any grade so as to obtain unearned academic credit.
   c. Fabricating information, research, and/or results such as taking, or attempting to take, an examination for another Student, alteration of legitimate research data, alteration or distortion of laboratory experiments, or deliberate distortion of another's work or results.
   d. Collaborating with others on assignments without the faculty’s consent.
   e. Impeding the ability of Students to have fair access to materials assigned or suggested by the Faculty Member (e.g., removal or destruction of library or other source materials).
   f. Demonstrating any other forms of dishonest behavior.

2. **Classroom Copyright Infringement**
   a. Any recording and transmission of classroom lectures and discussions by Students without prior written permission from the class instructor, and without all Students in the class as well as the guest speaker(s) being informed that audio/video recording may occur (it is not a violation if Student has educational accommodations through the Student Accessibility Resource Center).
   b. Uploading any recordings of lectures and/or class presentations to publicly accessible web environments.

3. **Facilitation**
   a. Cooperating with and/or helping another Student to cheat such as instigating, encouraging, or abetting plagiarism or cheating and/or failing to report a known violation to the Office of Student Conduct.

4. **Plagiarism** is the offering of the words, ideas, computer data programs, or graphics of others as one’s own in any academic exercise. Examples of plagiarism include (but are not limited to):
   a. The offering of another’s work, whether verbatim or paraphrased, as original material without identifying the source(s) in an academic paper.
   b. Directly quoting the words of others without using quotation marks or indented format to identify them.
   c. Self-plagiarism: re-submitting work previously submitted without appropriate or accurate citation or credit and/or without explicit approval from the instructor.
   d. Use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

NOTICE: The list above is intended only to provide general guidelines for recognizing and avoiding common types of academic dishonesty. It is in no way an exhaustive or comprehensive list of all the types of academic dishonesty.

Suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be handled by the professor in consultation with the Office of Student Conduct. For more information about academic honesty, see the Student Code of Conduct which can be found on the Office of Student Conduct webpage at http://deanofstudents.georgiasouthern.edu/conduct.