Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the foundation of learning, research and scholarship. To that end, it is imperative that all members of the university community adhere to a shared understanding of the standards outlined in this policy. All faculty, staff and students are required to recognize, respect and uphold:

- The Statement on Academic Integrity
- The Honor Pledge
- The Honor Code
- Best Practices
- Academic Misconduct Policy

Statement on Academic Integrity

We, the scholars of Marquette University, recognize the importance of personal integrity in all aspects of life and work. We commit ourselves to truthfulness, honor and responsibility by which we earn the respect of others. We support the development of good character in our academic community and commit to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity as an important aspect of personal integrity. Our commitment obliges us as students, faculty and staff to conduct ourselves according to the Marquette University Honor Code set forth below. We do this in pursuit of Marquette University's mission, which is the search for truth, the discovery and sharing of knowledge, the fostering of personal and professional excellence, the promotion of a life of faith and the development of leadership expressed in service to others.

Students are asked to commit to academic integrity through the following *honor pledge*. Faculty may require students to sign the pledge in their courses or for any individual assignment.

Honor Pledge

I recognize the importance of personal integrity in all aspects of life and work. I commit myself to truthfulness, honor and responsibility, by which I earn the respect of others. I support the development of good character and commit myself to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity as an important aspect of personal integrity. My commitment obliges me to conduct myself according to the Marquette University Honor Code.

Honor Code

The honor code obliges students:

1. To fully observe the rules governing exams and assignments regarding resource material, electronic aids, copying, collaborating with others, or engaging in any other behavior that subverts the purpose of the exam or assignment and the directions of the instructor.
2. To turn in work done specifically for the paper or assignment and not to borrow work either from other students, or from assignments for other courses, unless approved by the faculty member.
3. To give full and proper credit to sources and references and to acknowledge the contributions and ideas of others relevant to academic work.
4. To report circumstances that may compromise academic honesty, such as inattentive proctoring or premature posting of answers.
5. To complete individual assignments individually and neither to accept nor give unauthorized help.
6. To accurately represent their academic achievements, which may include their grade point average, degree, honors, etc., in transcripts, in interviews, in professional organizations, on resumes and in the workplace.
7. To report any observed breaches of this honor code and academic honesty.

Academic integrity is a matter of great importance to the entire Marquette community and as such the honor code obliges others on campus as well.

The honor code obliges instructors:

1. To monitor and design exams and assignments so that honest students are not disadvantaged by other students who might choose to cheat if given the opportunity.
2. To report circumstances that may compromise academic honesty, such as inattentive proctoring or premature posting of answers.
3. To follow all published procedures regarding cases of academic misconduct.
4. To report any observed breaches of this honor code and academic honesty.

The honor code obliges researchers:

1. To give full and proper credit to sources and references and to acknowledge the contributions and ideas of others relevant to research.
2. To conduct research experiments according to professional standards of objectivity, conscientiousness, reliability and transparency.
3. To conduct all experiments according to professional ethical standards and, when applicable, to submit all proposed investigations to the relevant oversight bodies.
4. To provide sufficient documentation of research methodology so that other researchers in the field may replicate work.

5. To observe all duties required by copyright, trademark, patent and/or other applicable laws or regulations.
6. To follow all published procedures regarding cases of personal and academic misconduct.
7. To report any observed breaches of this honor code and academic honesty.

The honor code obliges staff:

1. To interpret procedures and regulations in the spirit of furthering the highest standards of personal and academic integrity.
2. To report circumstances that may compromise academic honesty, such as inattentive proctoring or premature posting of answers.
3. To follow through on reporting, punishment and record-keeping on all incidents of personal and academic misconduct.
4. To follow all published procedures regarding case of personal and academic misconduct.
5. To report any observed breaches of this honor code and academic honesty.

Academic Integrity Best Practices

In addition to the honor code, members of the Marquette University community commit to the following set of best practices.

As students we strive to come to class on time and to be prepared for the material at hand. This includes all readings and assignments. We strive to devote our full attention to the class proceedings and to be fully engaged in class discussions and activities. We recognize the importance of asking questions about material we don't understand, as it helps other students who may not have thought of the question but need to hear the answer and it gives the instructor valuable feedback. We respect the views of classmates and instructors and we avoid distracting the class and instructor with irrelevant conversations or behavior. We strive to prepare for exams in a timely manner and to seek help from the instructor when necessary during the preparation. We start preparing papers, projects and homework assignments early enough to have sufficient time to do the best we can.

As instructors we strive to be prepared and current with respect to the content and conduct of our courses and to plan the course and class sessions to achieve the course objectives effectively. We strive to answer questions honestly and completely and to acknowledge when we do not have an answer. We strive to give all students equal opportunity to participate in class discussions and activities. We respect students' views on issues of judgment and we clearly distinguish between our personal opinions and our professional expertise. We are available during office hours or at arranged times to work with students individually to help them to master course material. We strive to develop and update exams and assignments so that they are meaningful tests of understanding and progress toward achieving course objectives. Finally, we give due and careful consideration to students' answers and submissions when evaluating them and assigning grades.

As researchers we strive to be honest, accurate, efficient, ethical, objective and accountable in conducting and reporting our research efforts. Where applicable, we aim to publish in outlets accessible to other professionals in the field for the greatest possible dissemination of creative scholarly research.

As staff we strive to serve all faculty and students within the confines of Marquette University's policy and procedure. We recognize the importance of serving all faculty and students fairly and on a timely basis, while maintaining confidentiality. We respect teaching and learning and support faculty and students in this endeavor every day.

Academic Integrity Tutorial

All undergraduate, graduate and health science professional students must successfully complete an Academic Integrity tutorial during their first term of enrollment, or be subject to a registration hold for the following term.