

Academic Ethics and Basic Rules in 520.137

Undergraduates are governed by an academic ethics code that states that faculty and students share a responsibility for ensuring that we all work in a community where integrity is upheld.

There are many ways to describe breaches in academic integrity, but one principle is overriding: No person should represent the ideas and contributions of others as his or her own. Copying other students' homeworks, laboratory work, or solutions in examinations all fall into this category. In other contexts, the submission of term papers drawn on other's ideas and publications without proper citation is a serious breach of academic ethics.

Please note the web site for Undergraduate Academic Ethics Board.

<http://jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu/~ethicsbd/>

According to Article IV of the Ethics Board's constitution:

Section A

Faculty members are responsible for specifying at the beginning of each semester the basic rules and procedures for any and all coursework, examinations, and other academic exercises. They are also responsible for exercising a reasonable degree of caution while writing, transporting, and administering examinations and other graded work. All faculty members and teaching assistants are responsible for taking appropriate action in accordance with this Constitution in all cases of suspected violations of academic ethics.

To this purpose, let me stipulate the rules:

Homework: You may discuss how to solve homework assignments with your fellow students, but the solutions that you submit must be your own. It is unacceptable to copy the homework solutions of others. It is also unacceptable to write out the solutions together. If you have difficulties with the homework, you should consult the teaching assistant, or me during office hours.

Laboratory reports: You should work with your laboratory partner and jointly present the results. You and your partner may not copy the results of another group.

Examinations: Your examination solutions must be your own. All examinations are closed-book, closed-notes, no calculators allowed.

Final project: Your team should develop its own solutions, and your results should be reported as a team. Your report should reflect the contributions of each member of the team.

Now, once again, to quote from Article IV of the Ethics Board's constitution:

ARTICLE III: VIOLATIONS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY Undergraduate students enrolled in the Krieger School of Arts & Sciences or the Whiting School of Engineering at The Johns Hopkins University assume a duty to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the University's mission as an institution of higher learning. Students are obliged to refrain from acts which they know, or under the circumstances have reason to know, violate the academic integrity of the University. Violations of academic ethics include, but are not limited to: cheating; plagiarism; submitting the same or substantially similar work to satisfy the requirements of more than one course without permission; submitting as one's own the same or substantially similar work of another; knowingly furnishing false information to any agent of the University for inclusion in academic records; falsification, forgery, alteration, destruction or misuse of official University documents or seal.

and

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Section B

It is the responsibility of each student to report to the professor in charge of the course or to the Ethics Board any suspected violations of academic ethics as outlined in Article III.