Academic Integrity and You

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Code of Academic Integrity

The University of Maryland, College Park has a nationally recognized Code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council, which sets the standards for academic integrity for all members of this academic community: www.studentconduct.umd.edu

Honor Pledge

The honor pledge verifies that any piece of academic work, such as a term paper, exam, homework assignment, etc. is the intellectual property of its author and that any additional authors or academic voices are credited within the piece. The pledge, as written below, is to be printed on the first page of any academic work:

I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination.

Why do we cite or acknowledge the work of others in our research?

Acknowledging or citing other people’s words and ideas indicates that you have conducted thorough background research on your topic and therefore are operating from an informed perspective.

Acknowledging or citing other people’s words and ideas increases your credibility. Other people's ideas can be utilized in your own work to reinforce your arguments, or can serve as points to argue against in your own work.

Ideas are intellectual property and there are serious repercussions if you fail to follow citing conventions. In the professional world, failure to cite other people’s intellectual property ruins careers and reputations and can result in legal action.

What happens when we do not cite or acknowledge others’ work

Authors who do not follow proper citation protocol could be found guilty of any of these things:

Plagiarism: Intentionally or knowingly representing or plagiarizing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise (e.g., term paper, lab report, test, quiz, examination).

Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise.

Fabrication: Intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
What are the penalties?

Failure to cite the work of others in the papers you write may result as follows:

**Undergraduate Students:** a grade of XF on your permanent University record, or failure due to academic dishonesty

**Graduate and Ph.D. Students:** Dismissal from the University

Where can I get help with research?

**University of Maryland Librarians** offer general and subject-specific research assistance. Ask for help!

**Call:** 301-405-9075 McKeldin Library’s Information/Reference Desk

**Visit:** umd.libanswers.com

**Contact a librarian:** www.lib.umd.edu/tl/guides/specialists-subject

Where can I get help with citing?

Get an overview of citation systems at:

**MLA** (Modern Languages Association) Handbook: www.lib.umd.edu/tl/guides/citing-mla


**Chicago/Turabian Notes Style:** www.lib.umd.edu/tl/guides/citing-chicago-notes

**Chicago/Turabian Author-Date Style:** www.lib.umd.edu/tl/guides/citing-chicago-ad

Where can I get help with writing?

The **Writing Center** offers one-on-one consultation for all stages of the composition process, as well as provides workshops and handouts.

**Make an appointment:** 301-405-3785 or at www.english.umd.edu/academics/writingcenter

**Send an email:** writadmin@umd.edu

**Contact the Grammar Hotline:** 301-405-3785

**Drop by the Writing Center:** 1205 Tawes Hall

**See writing tutors at McKeldin Library:** Call 301-405-3785 to learn when tutors are available at McKeldin Libraries’ Information/Reference Desk (1st floor).