# Academic Integrity 101

## Why care about AI?

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<th>Your integrity reflects <strong>who you are and how others perceive you</strong>. The choices you make now determine the kind of a person you become.</th>
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<td>Integrity in academic work leads to <strong>genuine learning</strong> rather than empty grades.</td>
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<td>Keeping your integrity will allow you to graduate from RC <strong>respected, trusted, and capable</strong>.</td>
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<td>The <strong>value of an RC degree</strong> rests upon students’ integrity.</td>
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## Cheating

- Copying (or trying to copy) others’ work.
- Bringing notes into/using notes during a test.
- Getting answers to an assignment from someone else.
- Submission of same assignment in two classes.
- Helping someone do any of the above.

## Lying

- Any lie or forgery to protect or improve your grade, such as about why you:
  - missed a test
  - missed a due date
  - missed a class.

## Collaboration

When professors want you to demonstrate your grasp of concepts and skills, collaboration with others is not appropriate. At RC, unless your professor gives you permission to collaborate, you **MUST** assume you need to complete your work **ON YOUR OWN**. While you can discuss course material, lectures, and class activities, working on your own means that you may not discuss or share the specific assignment and your answers/responses to it. Unsure what’s allowed? Ask your professor. And no matter how much you want to “help” a friend, don’t share your work. What may start out as a seemingly innocent attempt to give a friend ideas can fairly quickly devolve into cut & paste cheating. Encourage your friend to contact the professor directly and take a late penalty if necessary.

## Electronic Device

- **NEVER** have an unauthorized electronic device on your desk, in your lap, or on your person during a test or a quiz. Why? Because these devices are so powerful, even the **APPEARANCE** of cheating is a violation. If your class doesn’t have a clock, ask your professor to keep track of the time on the board. If you are expecting an urgent call or text, ask your professor to hold your phone. Otherwise, turn your phone off and put it in your bag.

## Plagiarism

1. Use quotation marks correctly.
2. Use source citations correctly.
3. Don’t cut corners when you paraphrase:
   - Proof of hero worship is embedded in the Iliad.
   - The Iliad contains clues that heroes were worshipped through rituals by the earliest story-tellers.

A few other points:
- Plagiarism is intellectual theft.
- A “Works Cited” list **NEVER** takes the place of quotation marks OR source citations.
- **ONLY** include a source citation to what YOU have read.
- Develop good research, note-taking, and writing HABITS.

**Writing well is hard, so give credit for ANY & EVERY identical string of words.**

- "With insufficient data it is easy to go wrong" (Sagan 94).
- Evidence of hero cult is embedded in the Iliad (Nagy 145).

A source citation gives credit for others’ intellectual labor in creating new ideas.

A good paraphrase takes more time to write, but demonstrates your understanding.

**Need more help? See your professor or visit the Writing Center.**

You can also check out the OWL at [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02)