



Academic Honor and Integrity

Why Does Honor and Integrity Matter to Me?

- Kansas State University as well as many other Universities in the United States work to uphold strict ethics and maintain high academic standards.
- These standards are maintained and governed by Kansas State Universities Honor Pledge.
- The Honor Pledge applies to all full and part-time students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate courses on-campus, off-campus, as well as online.

Kansas State University Honors Pledge

- On all course work, assignments, or examinations done by students at Kansas State University, the following Honor Pledge is either required or implied:
- **"On my honor as a student, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this academic work."**
- This statement means that the student understands and has complied with the requirements of the assignments as set forth by the instructor.

The seal of Kansas State University is partially visible on the left side of the slide. It features a circular design with the text "KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY" and the year "1863" around the perimeter. The seal is rendered in a light purple color.

Types of Academic Violations

What Is Plagiarism?

- **Plagiarism:**
 - Plagiarism covers UNPUBLISHED as well as published sources. In a paper or assignment, if you include material that you researched in a book, magazine, newspaper, and/or on the Web, you **MUST** cite the source. Even **HANDING IN THE SAME PAPER IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS** can be considered plagiarism.

Example of Word-for-Word Plagiarism

Original Text

“Every time you smile at a messenger, laugh at a coworker’s joke, thank an assistant, or treat a stranger with graciousness and respect, you throw off positive energy. That energy makes an impression on the other person that, in turn, is passed along to and imprinted on the myriad others he or she meets. Such imprints have a multiplier effect. And ultimately, those favorable impressions find their way back to you” (Thaler & Koval, 2006, p.6).

Thaler, L.K. & Koval, R. (2006). The Power of Nice. New York, NY: Doubleday.

Your Paper

Positive energy is something that is shown through various methods. Every time you smile at a messenger, laugh at a coworker’s joke, thank an assistant, or treat a stranger with graciousness and respect, you throw off positive energy.

Example of Mosaic Plagiarism

Original Text

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Your Paper

Positive energy coming from when you smile at a messenger or thank an assistant makes an impression. In turn, this is imprinted on others and they will find their way back to you

Example of Sloppy Scholarship

Original Text

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Your Paper

Positive energy makes an impression on the other person that, in turn, is passed along and imprinted on the myriad others he or she meets (Thaler , 2006).

Only one author was cited along with the date as well as the fact that many of the same words were used and were not in quotation marks. Improperly citing text is considered sloppy scholarship and is a form of plagiarism.

What is Unauthorized Collaboration/Aid?

- Unauthorized Collaboration: Having another person supply questions or answers from an examination to be given or in progress; giving or receiving unauthorized aid on a TAKE-HOME examination; collaborating with others on projects where such collaboration is expressly forbidden, the default at K-State is to do one's own work
- The default at Kansas State University is to do your own work unless it is explicitly stated by the professor.

Example of Online Unauthorized Collaboration

- Seth, Alex and Joanne are all Juniors at Kansas State University and friends with one another. Currently they are all enrolled in the same physics class. The professor requires weekly quizzes online in order to test the ability of students at the end of each section. The professor allows students to utilize their textbook during the quizzes however forbids the use of fellow peers during the quiz. Seth, Alex and Joanne decide the easiest way to take the quiz is if they all take it at the same time. Therefore, if either of them got stuck on a certain problem they could ask one another for assistance. Seth, Alex and Joanne end up working together on the quiz, comparing answers and submitting it at the same time. Is this an example of unauthorized online collaboration?

Yes!

The professor clearly stated their expectations of collaboration of the quiz and Seth, Alex and Joanne failed to adhere to the guidelines set forth

Example of Unauthorized Out of Class Aid

- John is a Sophomore this year at Kansas State University studying engineering. One Class he is required to take this semester is Calculus. He is pressed for time this week and has been stuck on the same homework problem for days now. John has heard some students talking about a solutions manual that is located online and he decides to utilize it. Even though it has been explicitly stated in the syllabus as well as by the professor that solution manuals are not to be used. Once John located the online solution manual he copied the work and the answer. Is this an example of Unauthorized Aid?

Yes!

John directly violated the honor code set forth here at Kansas State University

Example of In Class Unauthorized Aid

- Jenny is a freshman at Kansas State University studying Biology. In one of Jenny's large lecture classes she has been required to read from the textbook and come prepared to discuss the material covered in the text for that particular week. Jenny has had an extremely busy week with exams as well as projects being due and neglects to read for this week. Upon arriving to class the professor assigns a pop quiz where the students must write one paragraph in regards to what the reading covered this week. Jenny realizes her friend read the chapter and once the professor is not looking quietly asks her friend if she can copy what she has put down. Her friend agrees to let her see her paper and hands it over for Jenny to copy. Is this an example of unauthorized aid?

Yes!

Jenny violated the honor code by directly copying another student's work

Resources on How to Avoid a Honor Violation

- YouTube Video on How to Use Citations:
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoEnO8RmPNU&feature=share&list=UU1DHiXZGsfIRughMFV6uQ9g>
- Tutorials page (MLA and APA citations at the bottom):
 - <http://www.lib.k-state.edu/tutorials>
- Citations and bibliographies guide:
 - <http://guides.lib.k-state.edu/citations>

Slide Courtesy of Kansas State University Libraries

Honor System and Adjudication Process

- A Report is filed online
- Once a student has a report filed against them a student has the right to contest the allegations put forth
- If a student contests the violation/s then a case review board is formed
- The case review board hosts a meeting with the reporter, student, and another involved party
- After the meeting the case review board makes a decision of finding the student responsible or not responsible (decision may follow right after meeting)
- It is important to note that a student has 3 days to appeal the decision of the case review board on the basis of procedural irregularities or substantial new information

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