

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

PLAGIARISM AND INTELLECTUAL DISHONESTY

This document contains:

1. SFU's Code of Academic Honesty
2. <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/Students/index.html>
3. a brief guide to correct use of sources, and
4. a statement regarding how the Department of Political Science will interpret and apply the University Policy on Academic Dishonesty and Misconduct Procedures (T10.03)

1. CODE OF ACADEMIC HONESTY

1.0 Statement of Principle

All members of the University community share the responsibility for the academic standards and reputation of the University. Academic honesty is a cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge. Academic honesty is a condition of continued membership in the university community.

2.0 Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty, like other forms of dishonesty, is misrepresentation with intent to deceive or without regard to the source or the accuracy of statement or findings. Academic dishonesty, in whatever form, is intrinsically destructive of the values of the University; it is furthermore unfair and discouraging to the majority of students who pursue their studies honestly. Scholarly integrity is required of all members of the University.

3.0 Forms of Academic Dishonesty

The illustrations presented below are considered to be representative but not definitive nor exhaustive of activities which could be considered to constitute academic dishonesty.

(a) Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which an individual submits or presents the work of another person as their own. Scholarship properly rests upon examining and referring to the thoughts and writings of others. However, when excerpts are used in paragraphs or essays, the author should be acknowledged using an accepted disciplinary format. Footnotes, endnotes, references and bibliographies must

If an author's phrases or sentences are copied, the copied material must be placed inside quotation marks. Following the quotation marks a proper citation, including a specific page reference, must be included.

(b) Submitting the same essay, presentation, or assignment more than once whether the earlier submission was at this or another institution, unless prior approval has been obtained.

2. Whenever you summarize or paraphrase ideas from other material, you must likewise give the exact source. Paraphrasing consists of a restatement in substantially

- (i) issue a formal reprimand to the student;
- (ii) assign a grade penalty less harsh than "F" for the course;
- (iii) assign a grade penalty of "F" for the course;
- (iv) initiate a hearing by referring the case to the University Board on Student Discipline (UBSD)[Academic Policy T1 0.03]

The Chair shall communicate any and all decisions in writing to the student and copies of all such communications will be sent to the Registrar. The student will be advised that the report will be retained in the student files in the Office of the Registrar and that, in the event of any further reports of academic dishonesty, the report may be used in determining a penalty for any subsequent offence.

(d) If, in the case of (a) or (c) the student wishes to dispute the finding of the instructor or department Chair, the student may present an appeal to the UBSD, in writing, stating reasons for the appeal, within eighteen days of the date of notification by the instructor or department Chair.