



Academic Honesty Contract

Academic Dishonesty “is prohibited in The City University of New York and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion.”¹ Students who practice academic dishonesty by copying written passages from sources or presenting someone else’s ideas, research or writings as their own commit a form of dishonesty called plagiarism.

Plagiarism is...

- Incorporating someone else’s words into your work without using quotation marks or providing attribution.
- Paraphrasing a passage and providing attribution, but retaining the original phrasing or forms of expression.
- Borrowing ideas without crediting the source.
- Allowing someone to rewrite or transform your essay or parts of your essay. This is different from using feedback from peers, Writing Center tutors, or the professor to improve your own work.
- Purchasing an essay from a website or a paper-mill.

In addition to Hostos Community College’s Academic Integrity webpage and your course syllabus, Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab has strategies and explanations for avoiding plagiarism: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>

Consequences:

Anyone who plagiarizes in this class will be reported to the Dean of Student Life and earn a failing grade on the assignment. Repeat offenders may face suspension or expulsion from the College.

Signing below indicates:

- I understand what plagiarism is and my responsibilities regarding this matter,
- I will ask my instructor if I have questions regarding plagiarism, and
- I agree to abide by the above consequences should I intentionally plagiarize.

_____ (student) _____ (date)

_____ (instructor) _____ (date)

¹ Academic Integrity Policy, Hostos Community College: <http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Administrative-Offices/Office-of-the-Registrar/Academic-Info/Academic-Integrity>