



Student Code of Academic Integrity

Oida Christian University is an academic community whose fundamental mission is the pursuit of intellectual growth and the Christian development of its students. Academic dishonesty threatens the integrity of individual students as well as the University's academic community. By virtue of membership in the University's academic community, students accept a responsibility to abide by this Student Code of Academic Integrity, which is a part of the Student Code of Conduct.

Academic integrity violations include all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to:

a. Plagiarism – Intentional or unintentional representation of another's words or ideas as one's own in an academic exercise. Examples of plagiarism include but are not limited to:

- The exact copy of information from a source without proper citation and without use of quotation marks or block quotation formatting. If any words or ideas used in a class posting or assignment submission do not represent the student's original words or ideas, the student must distinguish them with quotation marks or a freestanding, indented block quotation (for a quotation of 40 or more words), followed by the appropriate citation in accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. When a student copies information from a source, he or she must acknowledge the source with quotation marks or block quotes irrespective of whether or not the source has been formally published.

- Paraphrasing statements, paragraphs, or other bodies of work without proper citation using someone else's ideas, data, language, and/or arguments without acknowledgement.

- Presenting work as the student's own that has been prepared in whole or part by someone other than that particular student. This includes the purchase and/or sharing of work.

- Failure to properly cite and reference statistics, data, or other sources of information that are used in one's submission.

b. Self-plagiarism, double dipping, or dovetailing – Submission of work that has been prepared for a different course without fair citation of the original work and prior approval of faculty. Students who submit assignments that were previously submitted in another course are subject to the same consequences they would face if they plagiarized these assignments. The use of one's previous work in an assignment requires prior approval from the current faculty member and citation of the previous work.

c. Fabrication – Falsification or invention of any information, citation, data, or document. This includes the invention or alteration of data or results, or relying on another source's results in any assignment without proper acknowledgement of that source. Fabrication includes citing sources that the student has not actually used or consulted.

d. Unauthorized Assistance – Use of materials or information not authorized by the faculty member to complete an academic exercise, or the completion of an academic exercise by someone other than the student. Students must rely upon their own abilities and refrain from obtaining assistance in any manner that faculty does not explicitly allow. This includes but is not limited to providing or receiving answers to an exam, use of faculty materials or answer keys, or a student having someone take his or her exam.

e. Copyright infringement – Acquisition or use of copyrighted works without appropriate legal license or permission.

f. Misrepresentation – Falsely representing the student's situation to faculty when (1) justifying an absence or the need for a complete grade; or (2) requesting a makeup exam, a special due date, or extension of a syllabus or class deadline for submitting a course requirement.

g. Collusion - Helping or allowing another student to commit any act of academic dishonesty.