



## Academic Integrity Statement

Academic integrity is a fundamental value upon which colleges and universities are built. There are five fundamental values that characterize an academic community of integrity: Honesty, Trust, Fairness, Respect, and Responsibility.

Acts of academic dishonesty compromise these values and undermine the process by which knowledge is created, shared, and evaluated. Repeated offenses cast suspicion not only upon the integrity of the individual, but also damage the reputation of the college.

Acts of academic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

"Cheating on a test" shall include:

- Copying from another student's test paper.
- Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.
- Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an un-administered test.
- The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the un-administered test.
- Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one's self, to take a test.
- Bribing another person to obtain an un-administered test or information about an un-administered test.

"Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work.

"Collusion" shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements.

Students found to have violated these guidelines will be disciplined at the discretion of the instructor. Discipline can include but is not limited to receiving a zero on the assignment, receiving a zero for attendance, or receiving a failing grade for the course. Disciplinary action for repeat offenders can include dismissal from the college.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the Western Texas College  
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Academic Integrity Statement. Successful completion of my class(es) and my future as a student at Western Texas College depends on my academic integrity. I am responsible for my actions and the consequences of violating this statement. I understand each professor has the right to enforce the statement at their discretion and their decision is final.

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Signature

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Date