

ACADEMIC HONESTY

STUDENT ORIENTATION



An essential rule in every class at GTC is that any work for which a student will receive a grade or credit be entirely his/her own or be properly documented to indicate sources. When a student does not follow this rule, he/she is dishonest and undermines the goals of the College. Cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Students must not cheat and/or plagiarize any work submitted for credit, whether prepared in or out of class. Responsibility rests with the student to know the acceptable methods and techniques for proper documentation of sources. Instances of any form of cheating will result in formal College action.

Acts of academic dishonesty include:

Cheating: Cheating is the act of deception by a student who misrepresents his mastery of information on an academic exercise. These acts can be either premeditated or not. Examples include copying or allowing someone else to copy work of another student; using a textbook or other material during an examination; collaboration during an academic exercise or giving or receiving information; and using specially prepared materials during an academic exercise, such as notes or formula lists.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's actual words or paraphrases, ideas, or data into one's own work without acknowledging the original source. The included material must have appropriate citations such as footnotes or quotation marks and identification of the sources, published or unpublished, copyrighted or not copyrighted.

Collusion: Collusion is defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the scholastic dishonesty rules. Example: Using another person's computer jump drive despite instructions to the contrary or without authority to do so.

Academic Misconduct: Academic Misconduct is the actual or attempted tampering or misuse of academic records or materials such as transcripts and examinations. Examples include stealing, buying, or otherwise obtaining all or part of a test or academic exercise that has not yet been administered; selling, bribing or giving away all or part of an academic exercise or any information about it that has not yet been administered; changing or altering a grade book, test, "drop form," or other official academic records of the College which would alter grades; and breaking in and/or entering a building or office for the purpose of changing a grade or tampering in any way with grades or examinations.

Accessory to Acts of Academic Dishonesty: Accessory to Acts of Academic Dishonesty is the act of facilitating, supporting, or conspiring with another student to commit any form of academic dishonesty.

Falsification/Fabrication: Falsification/Fabrication is the intentional use of invented information or the falsification of research findings with the intent to deceive. Examples include citation of information not obtained from the source indicated; listing sources in a bibliography not used in the academic exercise; inventing data or source information; submitting as one's own any academic exercise prepared totally or in part for/by another; taking a test for another student or permitting another student to take a test for oneself; submitting work previously used for credit in another course without express permission of the Instructor; and falsifying information on official school documents such as application, financial aid, and/or scholarship forms.

Falsification of Records: All students must be aware of the importance of supplying correct information on college applications, records, etc. Students should also notify Student Affairs if personal information changes during their enrollment. Students participating in any financial aid program must inform Student Affairs of any changes in circumstances that may alter their eligibility for such financial aid. Falsification of student records may result in dismissal.