

# CSUB Undergraduate Academic Integrity Policy

## **Philosophy on Academic Integrity:**

The California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) [Guiding Principles](#) begin with the commitment to academic excellence and pursuit of integrity and truth. CSUB administrators, faculty, staff, and students are expected to honor and uphold these principles and in so doing protect the integrity of all academic work. A degree at CSUB is a product of our campus's commitment to ethical behavior, academic integrity, and academic excellence. When a violation of academic integrity occurs, it diminishes the value of that degree and impacts the reputation of our campus.

## **Policy:**

Students at CSUB are expected to do all their academic work (coursework, assignments, exams, research, etc.) without getting or giving unauthorized assistance. Faculty have the responsibility of planning and supervising academic work so that honest effort is encouraged and positively reinforced.

## **Types of Academic Integrity Violations:**

Academic integrity violations include, but are not limited to, plagiarizing, cheating, providing unauthorized assistance, collaborating with other students without the approval of the instructor, using technology improperly, and falsifying university documents to gain an unfair academic advantage, improve a grade, or obtain course credit.

sentences, phrases, words, or ideas, including paraphrasing

the instructor and/or copying from someone else without their knowledge.

Both unauthorized assistance and collaboration interfere with the ability of the instructor to evaluate

A failing or lower grade on the assignment/exam/paper/project for the course is recommended for moderate offenses, which could include a first offense, that clearly violates the academic integrity policy but are not planned or premeditated.

A failing grade in the course is at the discretion of the faculty member. Faculty may reserve such action for those violations that are premeditated and planned with the intent of violating the academic integrity policy and gaining an unfair advantage in a course.

Levels of offenses:

- Minor first offense: minor actions of plagiarism or cheating without clear evidence of intent to gain unfair advantage.
- Moderate first offense: moderate actions of plagiarism or cheating without clear evidence of intent to gain unfair advantage.
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