



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA
PATEL COLLEGE OF
GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

Academic Integrity Honor Pledge

As a member of the University of South Florida's Patel College of Global Sustainability, I pledge to follow the Academic Integrity Honor Code stated in this document. I pledge to uphold the highest standards of ethics and academic integrity as defined by regulation USF3.027, which may be viewed at:

<http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf3.027.pdf>

In addition, I pledge to follow all rules for exams and assignments, as specified by the course instructor, and follow the Honor Code's rules, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- I understand I must work entirely alone on homework, quizzes, exams or any course assignment deemed individual work by the instructor.
- I will not share information about any aspect of any assignment with other students of the class, other faculty members, or any other person who has not already completed such assignment without express permission from the instructor.
- I will direct all questions concerning homework, quizzes, exams or any course assignment to the instructor or graduate teaching assistant.
- I understand it is the student's responsibility to get clarification from the instructor if there are academic integrity questions concerning homework, quizzes, exams or any course assignment.

I understand any academic integrity violation may result in immediate dismissal from USF. I will be held to the standards provided for Graduate Studies. My instructor will determine the severity of the offense and the appropriate grade. You have the right to appeal the academic sanction, first to the Instructor. If the Instructor is unable to resolve your appeal, you can approach the Dean.

Any student in a Graduate Studies course who receives an "FF" grade is subject to immediate dismissal and/or expulsion. The grade assignments and additional academic sanctions will depend on the seriousness of the offense and may range from the receipt of:

- a) An "F" or "Zero" grade on the subject paper, lab report, etc.
- b) An "F" in the course or activity in which credit may be earned.
- c) An "FF" in the course (leading to expulsion from the university).
- d) Academic Dismissal for any violations of academic dishonesty Regulations or Policies.
- e) Possible revocation of the degree or Graduate Certificate following a thorough investigation.

The following are examples of academic dishonesty:

- Cheating is using or attempting to use materials, information, notes, study aids, or other assistance in any type of examination or evaluation which have not been authorized by the instructor.
- Plagiarism is intentionally or carelessly presenting the work of another as one's own. It includes submitting an assignment purporting to be the student's original work which has wholly or in part been created by another person. It also includes the presentation of the work, ideas, representations, or words of another person without customary and proper acknowledgement of sources. Students must consult with their instructors for clarification in any situation in which the

need for documentation is an issue, and will have plagiarized in any situation in which their work is not properly documented.

- Fabrication is the use of invented, counterfeited, altered or forged information in assignments of any type including those activities done in conjunction with academic courses that require students to be involved in out-of-classroom experiences.
- Forgery is the imitating or counterfeiting of images, documents, signatures, and the like.
- Obstruction is any behavior that limits the academic opportunities of other students by improperly impeding their work or their access to educational resources.
- Complicity is assisting or attempting to assist another person in any act of academic dishonesty. A student will be considered to be complicit if the student is aware of an academic integrity violation, is able to report and fails to do so.
- Improper use of teamwork credit is allowing your name to be included on a group project in which you did not participate. This act is considered a violation of academic integrity.
- Solicitation or Purchase is the offering, advertising or responding to solicitations or purchasing products or services designed to facilitate, support or actively contribute to the commission of an act of academic dishonesty.
- Misrepresentation is submitting the work of another as your own, e.g., using a ghostwriter to write a paper, thesis, and dissertation if applicable); having another person complete an on-line class in your name.
- Misconduct in Research and Creative Endeavors is a serious deviation from the accepted academic and professional practices within a discipline or from the policies of the university in carrying out, reporting, or exhibiting the results of research or in publishing, exhibiting, or performing creative endeavors. Research Misconduct means fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.
- Computer Misuse includes unethical or illegal use of the computers of any person, institution or agency in which students are performing part of their academic program.
- Misuse of Intellectual Property is the illegal use of copyright materials, trademarks, trade secrets or intellectual properties, other than what is applicable under any existing "fair use" policy for academic purposes.
- Violation of State or Federal laws with regard to Intellectual Property is conduct that violates and does not adhere to state or federal laws concerning the fair use of copies or other intellectual property.