

Graduate Policy, Academic Integrity

Missouri Southern State University is committed to academic integrity and expects all members of the university community to accept shared responsibility for maintaining academic integrity. Academic work is evaluated on the assumption that the work presented is the student's own, unless designated otherwise. Submitting work that is not one's own is unacceptable and is considered a serious violation of university policy. Cheating is a serious offense that invalidates the purpose of a university education.

Any student, who takes credit for the work of another person, offers or accepts assistance beyond that allowed by an instructor, or uses unauthorized sources for a test or assignment is cheating. Students must be conscious of their responsibilities as scholars, to learn to discern what is included in plagiarism as well as in other breaches of university policies and must know and practice the specifications for citations in scholarly work.

When dealing with cases of academic dishonesty, the course instructor may choose to use the campus judicial system; this includes filing an incident report in Lion Alert with the Student Conduct Office, who may act on the report by issuing a written warning or by recommending disciplinary probation or suspension. Penalties for academic dishonesty may include a failing grade on the assignment, a failing grade in the course, an XF grade in the course, or any other course or program related sanction the instructor or program designee(s) determines to be appropriate. Academic dishonesty "XF" grades are non-repeatable.