ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

The maintenance of academic honesty and integrity is a vital concern of the University community. Any student found in violation of the standards of academic integrity may be subject to both academic and disciplinary sanctions. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. **Cheating:** Copying or attempting to copy from an academic test or examination of another student; using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices for an academic test, examination or exercise; engaging or attempting to engage the assistance of another individual in misrepresenting the academic performance of a student; or communicating information in an unauthorized manner to another person for an academic test, examination or exercise.
2. **Fabrication and falsification:** Falsifying or fabricating any information or citation in any academic exercise, work, speech, test or examination. Falsification is the alteration of information, while fabrication is the invention or counterfeiting of information.
3. **Plagiarism:** Presenting the work of another as one's own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source) and submitting examinations, theses, reports, speeches, drawings, laboratory notes or other academic work in whole or in part as one's own when such work has been prepared by another person or copied from another person.
4. **Abuse of academic materials and/or equipment:** Destroying, defacing, stealing, or making inaccessible library or other academic resource material.
5. **Complicity in academic dishonesty:** Helping or attempting to help another student to commit an act of academic dishonesty.
6. **Falsifying grade reports:** Changing or destroying grades, scores or markings on an examination or in an instructor's records.
7. **Misrepresentation to avoid academic work**: Misrepresentation by fabricating an otherwise justifiable excuse such as illness, injury, accident, etc., in order to avoid or delay timely submission of academic work or to avoid or delay the taking of a test or examination.
8. **Other Acts of Academic Dishonesty:** Academic units and members of the faculty may prescribe and give students prior written notice of additional standards of conduct for academic honesty in a particular course, and violation of any such standard shall constitute a violation of the Code.

Under Section 2.9 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska*, the respective colleges of the University have responsibility for addressing student conduct solely affecting the college. Just as the task of inculcating values of academic honesty resides with the faculty, the college faculty are entrusted with the discretionary authority to decide how incidents of academic dishonesty are to be resolved. For more information, please visit UNK's Procedures and Sanctions for Academic Integrity (https://www.unk.edu/offices/reslife/_documents/academic-integrity-policy.pdf) and the Student Code of Conduct (https://www.unk.edu/offices/reslife/_documents/university-of-nebraska-at-kearney-student-code-of-conduct.pdf).

Graduate student policies may differ. See the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.unk.edu/graduate/).