

BIOCORE STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

What is academic integrity and why are we promoting it? Academic integrity means being honest about your intellectual work which is fundamental to the pursuit of knowledge. We ask you to sign this honor code as a pact between you and the Biocore Program faculty/staff to abide by the academic rules of conduct laid out by the University. Without these rules of conduct our institution would be severely limited in its capacity to function as a community of higher learning. We encourage you to visit the following web sites and get familiar with the University policy concerning Student Conduct and Disciplinary Rules (<http://www.wisc.edu/students/saja/misconduct/misconduct.html>). As a student of the University of Wisconsin it is your responsibility to become familiar with, understand, and abide by the general Statement of Principles and Disciplinary Guidelines (<http://www.wisc.edu/students/saja/misconduct/UWS14.html>) outlined by the Dean of Students and the UW Board of Regents. These guidelines protect both you and the university if an infraction has occurred. Ignorance of these regulations is not a defense in cases of infringement. So.. Just DON'T Do It!

DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

from UW Academic code 14.03 <http://www.wisc.edu/students/saja/misconduct/UWS14.html>

"Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:

1. seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
2. uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
3. forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
4. intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;
5. engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance;
6. assists other students in any of these acts

"Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to: cutting and pasting text from the web without quotation marks or proper citation; paraphrasing from the web without crediting the source; using another person's ideas, words, or research and presenting it as one's own by not properly crediting the originator; stealing (or altering) examinations or course materials; changing or creating data in a lab experiment; altering a transcript; signing another person's name to an attendance sheet (or group worksheet); hiding a book knowing that another student needs it to prepare an assignment; collaboration that is contrary to the stated rules of the course, or tampering with lab experiment or computer program of another student".

CONSEQUENCES FOR ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

To determine whether academic dishonesty has occurred, the instructor and Biocore administrators will meet with the student. In Biocore, students who commit acts of academic misconduct will write letter describing what they did and, if appropriate, apologize to individuals who were involved in the incident. In alignment with the penalties listed in the University's UWS14, Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures we recognize three levels of consequences (1) An oral reprimand; and (depending on the severity of the case) written reprimand presented only to the student; or an appropriate assignment to be evaluated by the instructor or Biocore administrative staff, (2) a lower or failing grade on the assignment, exam, or course; removal of the student from the course or program; and a written reprimand included in the student's university disciplinary file, (3) recommendation for disciplinary probation for up to 2 years, suspension, or expulsion from the University.

BIOCORE HONOR CODE

You will be asked to sign a statement upon entering the Biocore program during the first week of class in Biocore 301. In order to participate in the Biocore Program you must agree to the following principles:

1. I will report laboratory data honestly and accurately. Under no circumstances will I fabricate data or change data to fit what I think it should be.
2. All work that I submit under my name to a peer for peer review or to an instructor for final grading will be my own. I will not copy or paraphrase from another student presently or previously enrolled in this course. For projects where collaboration is explicitly permitted, I will list the names of students with whom I worked.
3. I will not allow another student to copy or "borrow" my laboratory reports or other assignments.
4. I will not forge or falsify academic documents including graded assignments and examinations
5. I will not copy from fellow students nor share contents or answers associated with current semester exam or quizzes.
6. I will strive to make Biocore a community that is based on honesty and integrity.