

## **Policy on Academic Dishonesty**

There is ZERO TOLERANCE for academic dishonesty such as: plagiarism and cheating. The penalty for any form of academic dishonesty is an F for the entire course; not just in the individual assignment in which the cheating takes place. You will not get a second chance to submit the assignment. The message is clear- cheating is not worth the risk.

The section entitled "ACADEMIC DISHONESTY" in Appendix C of the CSUN catalog gives definition of plagiarism and cheating; this entire section is included all class syllabi by reference. Please read the catalog section carefully.

- a) Academic dishonesty includes submission of any assignment for grading that is not your own work. Copying and pasting text or pictures from the internet is cheating, unless you quote references for each and every item you copy and paste and use the rules of quotation as described in Appendix C in the CSUN catalog.
- b) You can collaborate and work together in group/joint assignments. In all such cases I need an email listing the names of the students working together. Email me at the very start, before you begin work on the assignment. You cannot join a group once it has started to work on the assignment. For joint/group assignments there must be ONLY ONE SUBMISSION, with the names of all collaborating students listed on the first page. Do not put your name in the submission unless you have made equal contribution in doing the work.
- c) Except in group/joint assignments (see item b above), a student who gives his/her work to another also fails the class. It may not be possible to determine the author of the work, therefore all involved should receive F
- d) Peer review of your work by others is both acceptable and encouraged. Peer review involves reading and commenting of your work by others for the purpose of identifying areas of weakness and excellence. Peer review comments are just that- comments; you should neither seek, nor use any actual solutions or answers provided by the reviewers.
- e) Sharing of answers in a quiz or examination is cheating irrespective of how it takes place (verbal, passing of notes, instant messages, or email, etc.). All involved gets F for cheating.

