

Plagiarism Policy for the Composition Program

The Composition Program in the Department of English at the University of Akron will enforce a strict policy regarding students submitting written work that constitutes Academic Dishonesty. Academic Dishonesty is defined as follows:

- Turning in a paper written in whole or in part by another person;
- Copying, inserting, downloading, or otherwise including paragraphs or sections from a professional source into a paper without properly referencing it, as determined by the MLA system;
- Cheating, including allowing a classmate to use or copy from your work and altering or interfering with grading;
- Submitting work presented previously in another course, if contrary to the rules of either course;
- Turning in a paper whose contents include the exact words or paraphrases from sources not properly documented through referenced quotations, parenthetical citations, and a Works Cited page, as determined by the MLA system;
- Knowingly misrepresenting or fabricating in a paper the ideas of another, the student's experiences, or facts surrounding an event, observation, or sequence;
- Failing to document through parenthetical citations and a Works Cited page statistics, ideas, or facts not commonly known in a paper.

The enforcement will be as follows:

- In cases involving the submission of work wherein 20% or more of the content contains the work of non-referenced others and where the intent to deceive has been established, the student will receive an "F" for the course and be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for further disciplinary action.
- In cases involving the submission of a paper written in whole or in part by another person, the student will receive an "F" for the course and be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for further disciplinary action.
- In cases involving cheating or submission of a paper presented previously to another course, the student will receive an "F" for the paper and be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for further disciplinary action.
- In cases involving the submission of work wherein less than 20% of the content contains the work of non-referenced others and where the intent to deceive has been established, the student will receive an "F" for the assignment.
- In cases involving misrepresentation or fabrication of ideas, experiences, or facts, the student will receive an "F" for the assignment.
- In cases involving inadequate or missing documentation for individual sentences or paragraphs, the student will be allowed to revise but can receive no higher than a "C" on the final revision.