

Academic Integrity

Student Code of Conduct & Academic Integrity Policy

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is committed to maintaining and upholding intellectual integrity. The Student Code of Conduct (<https://erau.edu/student-experience/safety-and-policies/student-policies/>) outlines the standards for academic conduct and the processes used to address violations of those standards. All students, faculty, and staff are responsible for preventing academic dishonesty and taking appropriate action when violations occur.

Violations of academic integrity may result in serious consequences, including a failing grade on the assignment, a failing grade for the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University. These violations include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fraud, over-sharing, facilitation of academic dishonesty, and conduct that disrupts the University's educational process.

Plagiarism involves presenting the ideas, words, or products of another as one's own without proper acknowledgment. This includes using sources—such as books, articles, websites, or even prior work submitted by the student themselves—without appropriate documentation or citation. Reuse or resubmission of one's own previous coursework in another class is considered self-plagiarism and is prohibited under University policy. Examples of plagiarism include submitting work without quotation marks or citations, copying parts of written or spoken content from textbooks, websites, or other students' files, and mimicking the sequence of ideas or structure of someone else's work even if expressed in your own words.

Cheating is a broad term that refers to the use or provision of unauthorized assistance when completing assignments, tests, or any graded work. This includes giving or receiving help from unauthorized persons, using prohibited materials or devices, communicating exam content before or after administration, and collaborating on assignments that are expected to be completed individually.

Fraud and deceit involve intentionally furnishing false or misleading information or withholding relevant information when requested; for example, during admission or in response to university officials. Misrepresenting academic credentials or falsifying records also constitutes fraud.

Over-sharing refers to sharing numerical solutions, computer code, or laboratory experiments outside of assigned group work.

Facilitation of academic dishonesty occurs when a student knowingly or negligently allows their work to be copied by others, such as by posting assignments to shared folders or websites. Additionally, students may not alter or misuse academic records or transcripts, whether their own or someone else's, and may not forge, falsify, destroy, or otherwise misrepresent University documents or identification. Unauthorized use of the University's name, logos, or materials for non-University business is also prohibited.

Disruption of the educational process and misuse of computing facilities or security systems are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct (<https://erau.edu/student-experience/safety-and-policies/student-policies/>).

Academic Integrity Violation Procedure

If an instructor suspects a violation of academic integrity, they must take action within an appropriate timeframe of discovering or being informed of the incident. The instructor will notify the student and initiate the Academic Integrity Violation Report Form. Possible sanctions may include dismissal of charges, a formal warning, failure on a specific assignment, failure in the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University.

Use of Electronic Plagiarism Detection Tools

Instructors reserve the right to use digital methods to verify the originality of student work. Embry-Riddle employs various electronic plagiarism detection systems, and faculty may use any method at their discretion. Once submitted, student work becomes part of the University's plagiarism system database. Students may not request that submitted content be removed from these systems.

For more information, students are encouraged to review the Student Code of Conduct (<https://erau.edu/student-experience/safety-and-policies/student-policies/>).