

AI Generated Honors Code Modification

Enrollment in this course acknowledges tacit consent in the following Honor Code Statement: "I affirm that I have read and understand the Bluefield State University General Catalog statements on academic integrity and academic dishonesty, and the Student Handbook/Planner statements on plagiarism and records. I am responsible for the work that I submit herewith. I am also ethically responsible for maintaining the academic integrity statement by reporting any instances of academic dishonesty to the appropriate faculty member or administrator. I further understand that directly copying AI-generated responses, without proper attribution, is considered a form of plagiarism and is strictly discouraged."

It is the student's responsibility to read the BSU General Catalog and the Student Handbook/Planner, which provides comprehensive guidance on academic integrity and the importance of original work.

Plagiarism and cheating are entirely unacceptable in an institution of higher education and learning. These unethical practices not only deprive the student involved of the desired education and personal development but also undermine the integrity and value of a University degree. Furthermore, using AI-generated content without proper acknowledgment constitutes a breach of academic honesty and fairness to other students.

Plagiarism occurs whenever a student submits another person's work, including AI-generated content, as their own. This includes using information from internet sources, published works, or any other materials without appropriate attribution or documentation. The act of copying term papers, homework, computer programs, or any other course assignments, including AI-generated content, without giving credit to the original source, is strictly prohibited.

To maintain academic integrity, a student must always acknowledge the originality of others and express indebtedness whenever utilizing or referring to the work of others, including AI-generated content. This includes direct quotations, paraphrasing, using ideas or opinions, and borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material.

The instructor holds the final responsibility for assessing penalties in cases of academic dishonesty, including instances involving the use of AI-generated content without proper acknowledgment.

Any cases of plagiarism or cheating will be promptly referred to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean for further action. Additional penalties may be imposed for particularly egregious instances of plagiarism or cheating, especially if they involve the use of AI-generated content.

Charges of academic dishonesty may be filed by any member of the academic community and will be thoroughly reviewed at the departmental and/or school level by the Dean, faculty member, and student

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involved. The maximum penalty for such misconduct may result in a grade of "F" in the course, without the option to withdraw.

If the student denies guilt or the Dean deems the penalties insufficient for a specific act, the case shall be forwarded in writing to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. At this stage, the case may be resolved, or if requested in writing by the student or considered necessary by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, it shall be referred to the Academics Committee.

The Academics Committee will notify the accused student and the person making the accusation in writing, providing clear details of the charges and the evidence to be presented in support of the claims. The Committee's recommendations for sanctions in cases of academic dishonesty are final. Moreover, the Committee may recommend the suspension of sanctions where appropriate.

It is the duty of each student to adhere to this Honor Code and promote academic integrity throughout their educational journey at Bluefield State University. Let us strive to create an environment of trust, respect, and originality in all academic endeavors.