



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Faculty Senate  
**From:** Deanna Garrett-Ostermiller, Assistant Director, Center for Student Conduct  
Kim Martin, Director, Center for Student Conduct  
**Date:** March 21, 2023  
**Re:** Edit to Code of Academic Integrity

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Prior to the start of the semester, language was added to the [Code of Academic Integrity](#) to make its application to the inappropriate use of artificial intelligence tools, such as ChatGPT, clear. This change occurred under the auspices of the Center for Student Conduct, Vice Provost and Dean of Student Affairs Office, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Student Success, and Office of Compliance Services.

Specifically, text of the Cheating Standard was updated from “Students may not claim as their own work any portion of academic work that was *completed by another person*” to “Students may not claim as their own work any portion of academic work that was *not completed by the student*” (emphasis added).

This edit was determined to be a minor revision under the terms of the [Adoption of University Policies Policy](#) and did not require a full university-wide review and comment process, which would have delayed any updates to the start of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Please note that, in addition to the language noted above, the Code of Academic Integrity outlines expected standards for students and specifically addresses how unauthorized use of tools such as ChatGPT could be a violation:

### Plagiarism Standard

- “All ideas, arguments, and phrases, submitted without attribution to other sources must be the creative product of the student.”

### Cheating Standard

- “Students must adhere to the guidelines provided by their instructors for completing academic work.”
- “Students may only use materials approved by their instructor when completing an assignment or exam.”

In addition to noting the application of the Code, faculty may wish to outline additional guidelines or expectations for the use of tools such as ChatGPT on assignments.

The Center for Student Conduct will continue to monitor this issue and take appropriate steps to update the Code of Academic Integrity further if deemed necessary as the technology advances and its use evolves.

cc: Thomas Borchert, President, Faculty Senate  
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