

Dear Campus Community,

Academic honesty and integrity are indispensable to the academic mission of the University. To attain this goal, we as a campus community have a responsibility to maintain an environment that promotes honesty and the free exchange of ideas. As a community of learners, it is our collective responsibility to uphold the highest standards of academic excellence by upholding and promoting academic integrity.

As a student, it is your responsibility to protect your own work and to respect and protect the work of others by providing proper credit for their ideas. Academic misconduct negatively affects your learning, diminishes the work of other individuals, hurts the reputation of the University, and devalues a California State University Long Beach degree.

According to Section 41301 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, students are expected to be good citizens and to engage in responsible behaviors that reflect well upon their University, to be civil to one another and to others in the campus community, and contribute positively to student and University life. Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty that are intended to gain unfair academic advantage are strictly prohibited. In addition, students are expected to be aware of specific course policies as they relate to collaboration and group work and that violating such policies may also be considered a violation of Section 41301 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

Recently, we have discovered several students have used third-party websites (e.g. Chegg, CourseHero) to upload intellectual property belonging to CSULB faculty members or to gain an unfair advantage in their respective courses. Additionally, students have been utilizing social media (Snapchat, GroupMe, Discord) to cheat with classmates during a test. Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are committed to academic honesty and are working with Chegg and conducting several investigations into the matter and identifying individual students through this process. As a reminder, posting assignment/quiz/exam questions and looking up assignment/quiz/exam answers on websites; sharing information with classmates during testing; purchasing work or having others complete work; and uploading your own and/or another person's class materials to a website is a violation of our academic honesty policy.

You can find the cheating and plagiarism policy statement within the [University Catalog](#). In addition, the CSULB Library has a [plagiarism guide](#) which includes a self-assessment. We encourage you to utilize the CSULB Library's [online resources for digital learning](#), visit your faculty during virtual office hours, or make an appointment for Academic Coaching with the [Learning Center](#) to get appropriate learning resources support. Lastly, we know that crisis and stress can lead people to make decisions that they would not make in different circumstances, including decisions regarding academic dishonesty.

If you have questions or concerns about academic honesty, please contact your faculty member or the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development at [student-conduct@csulb.edu](mailto:student-conduct@csulb.edu).

Sincerely,

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