



ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic Honesty is essential to the academic community. Students expect that Cuesta College faculty be fair, truthful, and trustworthy. Faculty expect that Cuesta College students share these same values. Students who violate these principles by cheating, plagiarizing, or acting in other academically dishonest ways are subject to disciplinary procedures. Below are some examples of academically dishonest behavior. If you are unclear about a specific situation, ask your instructor.

Examples of Academic Dishonesty:

- Copying from another student's exam
- Giving answers during a test to another student
- Using notes or electronic devices during an exam when prohibited
- Taking a test for someone else
- Submitting another student's work as your own, e.g.
- copying a computer file that contains another student's own work
- Knowingly allowing another student to copy/use your computer file(s) as his or her own work
- Completing an assignment for another student
- Plagiarizing or "kidnapping" other people's thoughts, words, speeches or artistic works by not acknowledging them through proper documentation

At the discretion of the instructor, students caught being academically dishonest may receive a failing grade on the assignments in question, be dropped from the class, or be failed in the course. **If the student wishes to contest the instructor's consequential actions for Academic Dishonesty, it is recommended that the student follow the Academic Student Complaint Process: (<http://www.cuesta.edu/aboutcc/planning/vpss/StudentComplaintProcess.html>).** Beyond this, the student may be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Vice President of Student Services and College Centers on the San Luis Obispo Campus, or the Dean of the North County Campus and South County Center on the North County Campus, or designee. It is recommended that the faculty member report any acts of academic dishonesty to the Vice President of Student Services and College Centers, or the Dean of the North County Campus and South County Center, or designee.

Student Responsibility:

All students attending San Luis Obispo County Community College District at any campus site and when representing Cuesta College in any off-campus activity, assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the Student Code of Conduct and Academic Honesty Regulations, and the Student Computer Technology Access Agreement. Specific rules, regulations, and applicable penalties for violation of the Student Code of Conduct (California Education Code Title V, Sections 66300, 66301, 76030 - 76038), are located in the Cuesta College catalog and as posted on the Cuesta College website. Each student has the responsibility to be aware of college regulations.