Per ECU Faculty Manual, Part IV and Part V, Section M, faculty should include a statement regarding this policy in their syllabi because it puts students on notice of the faculty member’s policy and it alerts students to the importance of academic integrity to the ECU community.

The Admissions and Retentions Policies Committee strongly suggests that all such statements should link to the policy: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/facultymanual/newmanual/part4.pdf.

Faculty members may use any wording they choose for their syllabus statement on academic integrity. Three options below provide sample wording that may be adapted to include additional information related to specific departments, colleges, or courses.

Option 1:
East Carolina University is committed to fostering a vibrant community of scholars. Academic integrity is a fundamental component of achieving this goal. All ECU students are expected to complete their academic work honestly.

I will not tolerate acts of cheating, plagiarism, falsification, multiple submissions, attempting or assisting with an academic integrity violation. If I become aware of a potential academic integrity violation, I will meet with you following the procedures outlined in the Academic Integrity policy. Should I determine that an academic integrity violation has taken place, I reserve the right to assign a grade penalty up to and including an F for the course.

[You may wish to add, when true:] It is important for you to understand that the policy of the School of _______ is to remove students from the (department/school/college) who commit academic integrity violations.

[You may wish to add the University’s definitions of academic integrity violations]

Option 2:
Students have a responsibility to uphold the principle of academic integrity in all of their academic work. The ECU Academic Integrity policy prohibits cheating, plagiarism, falsification, multiple submissions, and attempting or assisting with an academic integrity violation. This policy is strictly enforced in this class. [You may wish state what penalties (up to an F in the course) you will assign for a violation.] Students are expected to report possible academic integrity violations to me.

Option 3:
The East Carolina Creed reflects the University’s expectation that students exhibit personal and academic integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, falsification, multiple submissions, and attempting or assisting with an academic integrity violation is a violation of the Academic Integrity policy and the expectations set forth in the Creed. Students are expected to know and adhere to the Academic Integrity policy. Penalties for violating the Academic Integrity policy can include a grade penalty up to and including an F for the course.

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