

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

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All incidents of unintentional plagiarism or academic dishonesty identified in any social science course require reporting to the Vice President for Student Services (VPSS) and disciplinary action. This policy is in accordance with Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) *Code Title 2, Chapter 6* and Great Basin College (GBC) policy on Student Conduct and Academic Honesty as detailed in the GBC catalog.

DEFINITIONS

Unintentional Plagiarism (100-200 level courses only) has occurred when a student's work seems to reflect a poor understanding of using and citing sources; that is, the student seems to be ignorant of why, when, and how to paraphrase or quote in accordance with scholarly expectations. This type of plagiarism can include such practices as inconsistent paraphrasing (using sentence fragments or specific words from the original source or citing quotes but not paraphrased material, for example). We consider this type of incident to be a learning opportunity for the student and a lesser incident than deliberate plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty.

Academic Dishonesty (all courses) includes deliberate plagiarism and other forms of cheating. Unlike unintentional plagiarism, this is considered to be cheating and the consequences for the behavior are immediately more severe.

Deliberate plagiarism has occurred when a student's "work" shows a pattern of subterfuge including, but not limited to, intentionally copying another person's work (i.e., downloading passages from the internet, copying substantial passages from a text that students who have taken lower division courses have been

exposed to the doing of academic citation and plagiarism in at least their English courses and many other courses at GBC—we presume students at the 300-400 level have been informed about plagiarism.

Other forms of cheating include such practices as the use of or attempt to use unauthorized materials (i.e., textbooks, notes, electronic devices) during any academic exercise including

Both unintentional plagiarism and academic dishonesty require some form of disciplinary action

The following levels of increasing, progressive disciplinary measures, based upon the number of incidents, is only a guideline. If the incident is sufficiently severe, the maximum penalties authorized under the NSHE Code may be imposed.

Unintentional Plagiarism—poor