Academic Integrity Policy

The accounting profession is built on a foundation of integrity and ethics. As such, we strive to prepare Accounting professionals who will succeed in demanding and competitive business environments with skill and integrity. The School of Accountancy’s Academic Integrity Policy exists to provide faculty and students a guide to our standards of ethical conduct and to the penalties associated with their violation. Our success in promoting a culture of honesty and respect will depend on the extent to which all members of the Eller community embrace these standards, holding themselves and those with whom they work accountable to them in their daily actions and words.

All members of the School of Accountancy are expected to know the University of Arizona Academic Integrity Policy’s content and implications. Lack of familiarity with the policy will not excuse integrity violations. Complete information about the Code of Academic Integrity can be reviewed at http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/codeofacademicintegrity.

The School of Accountancy has a zero tolerance policy related to academic integrity violations. Students found to have violated this policy will be removed from the undergraduate accounting major or accounting graduate program. In addition to being removed from the School of Accountancy program, students could receive a failing grade, notation on their transcript, and could face removal from the Eller College. Faculty members are responsible for describing rules specific to their classes beyond the general policy and will determine the additional penalties for violations.

Examples of Integrity Violations in Academic Conduct:
- Direct use of the words or ideas of another without giving proper credit, including material drawn from prior assignments, print, televised, or electronic sources.
- Submitting an item of academic work that has previously been submitted or simultaneously submitted without fair citation of the original work or authorization by the faculty member.
- Use of another person's work, in part or in whole, on assignments or projects (including work done in conjunction with another student), and in exams.
- Receiving or giving unauthorized assistance on exams, quizzes, or assignments.
- Using unauthorized materials during an exam or on assignments.

Examples of Integrity Violations in Personal Conduct:
- Taking or attempting to take the property of another without permission.
- Misrepresenting the truth or furnishing false information, with the intent of gaining unfair personal advantage, or causing harm to another.
- Verbal or physical harassment of any kind, aimed at any individual or group.
- Inappropriate use of another student's personal information.
- Inappropriate use of D2L or other UA information systems.

It is every student's responsibility to seek clarification from faculty on class rules before an assignment is turned in. It is unacceptable to submit an assignment and then claim lack of knowledge of the rules by which it was governed.

Students may submit known or expected violations of the Code of Academic Integrity at https://goodcat.esms.arizona.edu.