ACADEMIC ETHICS (students)

The faculty and students of the Bloomberg School of Public Health have the joint responsibility for maintaining the academic integrity and guaranteeing the high standard of conduct of this institution. An ethical code is based upon the support of both faculty and students who must jointly accept the responsibility to live honorably and to take action when necessary to safeguard the academic integrity of this University.

Students enrolled in the Bloomberg School of Public Health assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to The Johns Hopkins University’s mission as an institution of higher education. A student is obligated to refrain from acts which he or she knows, or under the circumstances has reason to know, impair the academic integrity of the University. Violations of academic integrity include, but are not limited to: cheating; plagiarism; knowingly furnishing false information to any agent of the University for inclusion in the academic record; violation of the rights and welfare of animal or human subjects in research; and misconduct as a member of either School or University committees or recognized groups or organizations. A student with knowledge of any violation of academic integrity has an obligation to report such violation, including the identity of the alleged violator(s), to the appropriate faculty member or to the faculty designee responsible for academic ethics.

Cheating is broadly defined as intentionally using or attempting to use someone else’s work or ideas in a context where you are expected to provide your own. Absent instruction by the faculty member in charge of the course to the contrary, examples of cheating include but are not limited to: (1) using or referring to notes, books, devices, or other sources of information during an academic evaluation; (2) copying another student’s answers on an academic evaluation or allowing another student to copy answers; (3) discussing a question or exercise during an academic evaluation; (4) acting as substitute for another person or using another person as a substitute during an academic evaluation; (5) failure to comply with the designated time limits for an academic evaluation; (6) submitting an academic evaluation for re-grading after changing the original responses; or (7) submitting the same work for different courses without instructor knowledge and approval.

Plagiarism is defined as intentionally taking for one’s own use the words, ideas, concepts or data of another without proper attribution. Plagiarism includes both direct use or paraphrasing of the words, thoughts, or concepts of another without proper attribution. Proper attribution includes: (1) use of quotation marks or single-spacing and indentation for words or phrases directly taken from another source, accompanied by proper reference to that source and (2) proper reference to any source from which ideas, concepts, or data are taken even if the exact words are not reproduced.