MFT Program Policy on Authenticity of Student Work and Academic Integrity

Policy Availability

This policy is available to the public via the link to Program Handbook and Policies on the MFT website.

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The University policy on academic honesty has been adopted by the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), which, in addition, publishes its own statement on plagiarism and establishes procedures and consequences. The MFT Program, holding the assumption that an atmosphere of safety, respect, and appreciation is only possible in an environment of honesty and trustworthiness, adheres to the policy on academic honesty espoused by the university and follows the procedures adopted by the COEHS. When students cheat, all students are adversely affected.

Academic Dishonesty Statement
VSU Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures
COEHS Plagiarism Statement

The below statement is quoted from the Academic Affairs webpage that addresses Academic Honesty:

As part of its mission, Valdosta State University aims to accomplish the following:
- Prepare our students to meet global opportunities and challenges through excellence in teaching and learning.
- Expand the boundaries of current knowledge, and explore the practical applications of that knowledge, through excellence in scholarship and creative endeavors.
- Promote the economic, cultural, and educational progress of our community and our region, through excellence in service outreach

VSU seeks to accomplish this mission in a dynamic, student-centered learning environment marked by a respect for diverse abilities, backgrounds, and contributions by all members of the university community.

To meet this mission, we must ensure that all faculty, students, and staff conduct their academic responsibilities with honesty and integrity.
- The Importance of Academic Honesty in a University Community
- VSU Academic Honesty Policies and Procedures
- Academic Honesty Resources
- Using Turnitin at VSU
- Additional Student Resources
- Academic Integrity Report (AIR)

All academic and/or clinical work—including but not limited to assignments, exams, research, paper productions (reflections, term papers, research, literature reviews, etc.), projects, posters, journals—required by the faculty and submitted in partial or complete fulfillment of course requirements, must wholly reflect the student's own work.

- Work that fails to properly cite sources and/or the submission of others' work while claiming it as one's own production will be considered plagiarized and will result in the faculty member filing an Academic Integrity Report (AIR). The result of this filing could result in a grade of D or F for the work submitted or for the entire course. In addition, academic dismissal may result.

TurnItIn for Faculty

Faculty can click here and here to learn about Turnitin, the software tool that helps faculty and students detect and prevent plagiarism. Faculty members may submit student assignments to www.Turnitin.com for originality evaluation. This website explains what TurnItIn is, how it works, as well as how and where to access it.

Turnitin for Students

Students can click here to learn how students use Turnitin, the software tool that helps faculty and students detect and prevent plagiarism.