As an EPI student, I understand that honesty in my academic work (homework, essays, blogs, quizzes, in-class writing, discussion, or any class assignment) is critical. Therefore, I will not…

**…Copy another student’s essays, sentences, words, or exam/homework answers.**

“Another student” includes all current and former students.

No “borrowing” essay ideas.

No “recycling” of essays or essay ideas.

No using old books with answers written in them.

Working together with classmates is acceptable **ONLY IF** my teacher gives approval first.

I am cheating if I let someone else copy my work.

**…Have an outside-EPI friend help me “edit” my essay or homework.**

I know that the best way to learn is by doing the assignment myself and then learning how to fix my mistakes. My teacher wants to see the work I can do, not what my friend can do.

I will only get help from the tutoring center or an EPI teacher **ONLY IF** I get approval from my WG4 teacher first.

**…Turn in the same homework or essay to different teachers for different assignments.**

Anything I did in a previous term or for a different class was for only that teacher; everything done for this class **MUST** be new.

**…Use someone else’s words or sentences in my own writing.**

If I decide to QUOTE this person, “I must put the sentence in quotation marks,” and then say where I found this quotation ([www.plagiarism.com](http://www.plagiarism.com)).

**…Use someone else’s ideas and say they are my own ideas.**

If I use someone else’s idea, and I write that idea in my own words, I will say where I found this idea ([www.plagiarism.com](http://www.plagiarism.com)).

I will come up with my **OWN** ideas for non-researched essays to practice critical thinking skills.

**…Make up “research” that doesn’t exist or list citations I didn’t read.**

I will only use real research that I read and use in my paper.

I will not change research to make my paper sound better.

**I understand all of these examples of academic dishonesty, and I will not do them in any of my EPI classes. If I do anything listed above on any assignment, I understand that I will receive a “0” for that assignment. The second time I commit a violation, I will have to have a meeting with Mark Porter to discuss my future.**

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