

Plagiarism Policy

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Plagiarism is not tolerated in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. It shall be punished according to the student conduct code of the University.

For the purpose of this policy, *Plagiarism* means presenting as one's own the words, work, or opinions of someone else.

A. You commit plagiarism if you submit as your own work:

- 1. Part or all of a written or spoken assignment copied from another person's manuscript, notes or any other media such as computer files or the web.**
- 2. Part or all of an assignment copied or paraphrased from a source, such as a book, magazine, pamphlet, web, or web posting.**
- 3. The sequence of ideas, arrangement of material, pattern or thought of someone else - even though you express them in your own words. Plagiarism occurs when such a sequence of ideas is transferred from a source to a paper without the process of digestion, integration, and reorganization in the writer's mind and without acknowledgement in the paper.**

B. You are an accomplice in plagiarism and equally guilty if you:

- 1. Allow your paper, in preliminary outline or finished form, to be copied and submitted as the work of another.**
- 2. Prepare an assignment for another student and allow it to be submitted as his or her work.**
- 3. Keep or contribute to a file of papers or speeches with the clear intent that these papers or speeches be copied and submitted as the work of anyone other than the author. (The student who knows that his or her paper is being copied is presumed to consent to its being copied.)**

(from: <http://www.msu.edu/unit/engdept/undergrad/plagiarism.html>)

Integrity and honesty are essential to maintain society's trust in the engineering profession. This policy is intended to reinforce these values.