

Policy Statements

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. *All assignments that take place in and out of the classroom must be your own work and original for this course.* The protection of these high standards is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it. Any student found to have violated any KSU academic honesty regulation after a hearing before a university hearing panel or before the Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Services (or his/her designee) shall be suspended for at least one semester, unless the student persuades the deciding body that the circumstances of his or her behavior substantially mitigate the gravity of the violation. These regulations are designed to assist students in (1) developing appropriate attitudes about, and (2) understanding and following the university's standards relating to academic honesty. The regulations protect students by helping them avoid committing infractions that may compromise the completion of their KSU degrees or damage their reputations.

***Student Conduct Pledge/Statement:** As a member of the Kennesaw State University community of scholars, I understand that my actions are not only a reflection on myself, but also a reflection on the University and the larger body of scholars of which it is a part. Acting unethically, no matter how minor the offense, will be detrimental to my academic progress and self-image. It will also adversely affect all students, faculty, staff, the reputation of this University, and the value of the degrees it awards. Whether on campus or online, I understand that it is not only my personal responsibility, but also a duty to the entire KSU community that I act in a manner consistent with the highest level of academic integrity. Therefore, I promise that as a member of the Kennesaw State University community, I will not participate in any form of academic misconduct.*

Types of Academic Misconduct:

- 1) **Cheating:** Receiving, attempting to receive, knowingly giving or attempting to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.) is considered cheating, as is engaging in any behavior that a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or class discussion. Unless specifically authorized, using and/or having access to electronic devices during an examination, quiz, test or other assessment is automatically considered cheating, regardless of the student's reason for using/accessing the device;
- 2) **Plagiarism:** Including direct quotations from other sources into work required to be submitted for credit without indicating them as such by quotation marks, block quotes or other appropriate formatting. Incorporating the work of someone (e.g. ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information, illustrations, etc.) into a paper or project without due acknowledgement;
- 3) **Self-Plagiarism:** Submitting any work for credit which was not authored specifically and originally for the assignment in question without the prior permission of the professor receiving that assignment. Most commonly, this means submitting the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class;

4) Misrepresentation and/or Falsification: Knowingly providing false information in completing University forms or applications (including admissions forms, scholarship applications, time sheets, false or counterfeit transcripts, etc.) or in any work submitted for credit. This includes providing fabricated/altered documents to substantiate an excused absence (such as to meet attendance requirements or have the chance to make-up a missed exam). Signing in for another student or having another individual sign in on a student's behalf on an attendance sheet also constitutes a violation of this code section.

5) Unauthorized Access to University Materials: Taking, attempting to take, stealing or in any unauthorized manner otherwise procuring, gaining access to, altering or destroying any material pertaining to the conduct of a class (including tests, examinations, grade change forms, grade rolls, roll books, laboratory equipment, University grade records in written or computerized form, etc.).

6) Malicious/Intentional Misuse of Computer Facilities/Services: Maliciously or intentionally misusing university-controlled computer facilities and services. This includes violations of state and federal laws (e.g. copyright violations, unauthorized access to systems, alteration/damage/destruction, or attempted alteration/damage/destruction, use for profit, etc.) or a department's rules for computer usage (e.g. account violations, damage, or destruction of the system and/or its performance, unauthorized copying of electronic information, use of threatening or obscene language, etc.).

7) Malicious Removal, Retention or Destruction of University Resource Materials: Misplacing, taking, destroying any item or part of an item belonging to or in the protection of the University (or the attempt thereof) with the intention of bringing about an undue disadvantage in the academic pursuits of other Kennesaw State University students.

These examples of academic dishonesty shall not be construed to be comprehensive, and infractions will be dealt with on an individual basis according to university policies and procedures. It is the obligation of each student to assist in the enforcement of academic standards.

See: [The KSU Student Code of Conduct at KSU Codes of Conduct-2015.pdf](#)

Enforcement: This policy is strictly enforced. Please note, *I reserve the right to select any paper and/or assignment that are turned in for a grade for plagiarism review. Plagiarism review consists of running your paper/assignment through various search engines and databases at my disposal in order to check for "borrowed" or "bought" information. Students will be required to use TurnItIn.Com to have their papers reviewed for plagiarism.* If you are found in violation of academic dishonesty, then you will be subject to the enforcement policies and procedures, as outlined by the University and the Department.

WEB ACCESSIBILITY

Kennesaw State University follows the guidelines of the Universal Design for Learning standard of web accessibility. Faculty use Word, PDF, and HTML formats when communicating electronic information to students whenever possible and appropriate in light of the goals of the course. Faculty are trained to use Web Accessibility Evaluation tools, e.g., WAVE (www.wave.webaim.org), and make adjustments as possible and appropriate in light of the goals of the course. For free resources available to students on web accessibility, please visit the Web Accessibility Resources page at the Distance Learning Center: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/dlc/facultyresources/index.php#>

KSU SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

Kennesaw State University adheres to KSU's policy prohibiting sexual misconduct both in and out of the classroom. Questions about this policy should be directed to the KSU Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Title IX officer by telephone at (470) 578-2614. You may also visit the University's EEO website <http://www.kennesaw.edu/eo/index.html> for more information.

COPYRIGHT LAW

Kennesaw State University adheres to USG's policy to respect the right of copyright. Holders and comply with copyright laws as set forth in the United States Copyright act. For more information, see the following link to USG's policy: <http://www.usg.edu/copyright/>

STUDENT RECORDS/FERPA

Kennesaw State University adheres to the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974 – FERPA. See the following link for more information: http://www.usg.edu/information_technology_handbook/section9/tech/9.5_privacy_and_security

ELECTRONIC RECORDING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Electronic recording performed without the consent of the people being recorded chills the free exchange of ideas. Academic freedom, free inquiry, and freedom of expression should not be limited by the fear that one's brainstorming, polemic discourse, speculative inquiry, or any other kind of expressed curiosity made within the space of a university classroom will be made public without one's consent. This fear is unacceptable regardless of whether one is in an online, hybrid, or face-to-face classroom setting. Accordingly, no person shall make public any electronically recorded class discussion without the written permission of the instructor. This policy is not intended to discourage electronic recording in the classroom or the use of social media when such actions are performed with the written consent of the instructor, and others as appropriate. Note: Faculty accommodate all reasonable requests to electronically record a class discussion; these requests must be documented by the DisAbled Student Support Services available at: http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss/prospect.shtml

DISRUPTION OF CAMPUS LIFE STATEMENT

It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment, which encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. An important part of maintaining such an environment is the commitment to protect the health and safety of every member of the campus community. Belligerent, abusive, profane, threatening and/or inappropriate behavior on the part of students is a violation of the Kennesaw State University Student Conduct Regulations. Students who are found guilty of such misconduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the institution. In addition, these violations of state law may also be subject to criminal action beyond the university disciplinary process.

COURSE ENROLLMENT POLICY

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES

The following resources and policies are found under this link: <http://learnonline.kennesaw.edu/resources/index.php>

DISABLED STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

In compliance with applicable disability law, qualified students with a disability may be entitled to *reasonable accommodation*. Any student with a documented disability (hidden or visible) needing academic adjustments, including classroom or test accommodations is requested to notify the instructor within the first two weeks of the course. **Verification from KSU disAbled Student Support Services is required. All discussions and documentation will remain confidential.**

Disabled Student Support Services
James V. Carmichael Student Center Addition – 2nd Floor, Suite 267
470.578.6443

http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss/prospect.shtml

Please visit the Student Disabilities Services website at www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/sds for more information

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students of Kennesaw State University are entitled to an environment that is conducive to learning and individual growth. To this end, students enrolling at Kennesaw State University assume a responsibility to abide by the policies and regulations expressed in this section. By doing so, students may fulfill their responsibilities and enjoy the exercise of their own rights while also respecting the rights of others.

All rights and responsibilities may be found in the University Catalog at catalog.kennesaw.edu.