Faculty

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Generally, an academic paper should have no more than 15% matching text. Sources such as the Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue and *The Brief McGraw-Hill Handbook* make recommendations that range from 10%-20% for direct quotes.

Be sure to specify your plagiarism policy on your syllabus. You may fail a student for an assignment, with or without the opportunity to rewrite; you may fail a student for the course; or you may pursue sanctions under Rules and Disciplinary Procedures for Members of the University Community. See the following link for information:

<http://www.tmcc.edu/library/information/policies/cheating/>.

Students

All work submitted in this course must be your own. Any ideas or quotations that you borrow or any paraphrases that you create must be acknowledged and documented. Using someone else’s ideas or words without crediting her/him constitutes plagiarism and is a serious violation of academic honesty. Plagiarism will result in failure of the course.

Turnitin.com is enabled in Canvas for all assignments, and I encourage you to review your Originality Report. Generally, for an academic paper, you want a Turnitin.com similarity index of 15% or less; the bulk of the paper should be your ideas, supported by sources—not simply a series of quotes that have been strung together.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is against the standards set forth by Truckee Meadows Community College and Nevada System of Higher Education. Academic dishonesty is defined as: cheating, plagiarism or otherwise obtaining grades under false pretenses. Plagiarism is defined as submitting the language, ideas, thoughts or work of another as one's own; or assisting in the act of plagiarism by allowing one's work to be used in this fashion. Cheating is defined as (l) obtaining or providing unauthorized information during an examination through verbal, visual or unauthorized use of books, notes, text and other materials; (2) obtaining or providing information concerning all or part of an examination prior to that examination; (3) taking an examination for another student, or arranging for another person to take an exam in one's place; (4) altering or changing test answers after submittal for grading, grades after grades have been awarded, or other academic records once these are official.

Disciplinary procedures for incidents of academic dishonesty may involve both academic action and administrative action for behavior against the campus regulations for student conduct. The procedures involve the determination by the faculty member pursuing concerns over alleged cheating or plagiarism as to whether administrative action is warranted, in addition to making a determination as to any academic consequence. Academic action may include: (1) cancelling the student's enrollment in the class without a grade; (2) filing a final grade of "F"; (3) awarding a failing mark on the test or paper in question; (4) requiring the student to retake the test or resubmit the paper. See [Appendix L](http://www.tmcc.edu/catalog/1314/flipbook/#/app-l) in the TMCC College Catalog, "Rules and Disciplinary Procedures For Members of the University Community" for further information on disciplinary sanctions.