



## **Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism**

As an academic community, Landmark strives to instill and foster intellectual honesty and integrity. Effective evaluation of student work can occur only in an environment in which intellectual honesty is respected. Academic dishonesty is a clear violation of academic integrity and academic responsibility. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to inappropriate giving or receiving of aid during tests, and plagiarism. To plagiarize is to give the impression that a thought or a piece of writing is original, when, in fact, it is borrowed from another.

Each student is responsible for ensuring that his or her work does not involve plagiarism. Ignorance of plagiarism, or of Landmark rules, is not a mitigating circumstance. Students with questions about plagiarism should consult the instructor of the course for whom they are preparing work. The Library is an additional resource for information regarding ways to avoid plagiarism.

The minimum penalty for plagiarism is no credit (recorded as a zero for the purpose of determining the student's course grade) for the unit of work in which plagiarism occurs. The maximum penalty for first offense plagiarism is a failing grade for the course in which the plagiarism occurs. In cases of repeated offense, suspension or expulsion from Landmark may be imposed. No opportunity may be granted to make up or otherwise fulfill the requirements of the unit of work involved. A student suspended from Landmark may not transfer to Landmark any course credits earned at other institutions during the period of suspension.

Instructors are expected to report any suspected cases of academic dishonesty and plagiarism to the Academic Dean.

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