



VERMONT COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
ACADEMIC POLICIES

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

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POLICY:

The purpose of VCFA's Academic Honesty Policy is to maintain the highest standard of academic integrity and professionalism. Academic dishonesty, or cheating, is defined as any act that would have the effect of giving unfair advantage, or unfairly advancing, one's academic standing in the learning community. Academic dishonesty in any form is unacceptable to the learning community of VCFA. Acts of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Plagiarism, which is defined as the unacknowledged use of another's work, with the clear intent of passing the work off as one's own. [See individual program policies on plagiarism.]
2. Submitting critical, scholarly, or creative work, or any work products that have been prepared in whole or in part by others without appropriate acknowledgement or citation.
3. Falsifying data, information, or citations in work submitted.
4. Altering any VCFA form, record, or document; forging the signature of any VCFA student, faculty, or staff member.
5. Acting to prevent others from completing their work; willfully disrupting, damaging, or destroying the work of others.
6. Tampering in any way with College computer systems; copying or destroying computer files, programs, software, or manuals without proper authority.

PROCEDURE:

See the program sections of the Student Handbook for program-specific procedures regarding plagiarism and academic honesty.