

Academic dishonesty policy

As graduate students in Folk Studies, you are expected to demonstrate professionalism in accordance with the standards of our discipline and university. This includes but is not limited to academic integrity. You are responsible for understanding what academic dishonesty entails, including the following definition and policy:

The WKU Office of Counseling and Student Affairs defines “violations of academic integrity” as including “cheating, plagiarism, or lying about academic matters. Plagiarism is defined as any use of another writer's words, concepts, or sequence of ideas without acknowledging that writer properly. This includes not only direct quotations of another writer's words, but also paraphrases or summaries of another writer's concepts or ideas without acknowledging the writer properly (i.e., citing them). Cheating includes behaviors such as giving or receiving data or information under any circumstances not permitted by the instructor. Lying about academic matters includes falsification of data or information as part of an academic exercise, or knowingly providing false information to a faculty member.”

Students who have willfully plagiarized or otherwise cheated in their academic work may expect an ‘F’ for the course, and they will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct, which is empowered to impose additional sanctions. Plagiarizing or otherwise cheating on degree requirements such as theses and comprehensive exams will result in termination of progress toward the degree.