Nuts & Bolts of Being an Illinois Physics Student
Academic Integrity

Honesty is an indispensable foundation of teaching, learning, research, and service, and a necessary prerequisite for full realization of trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility.

The Fundamental Values of Academic Integrity, ICAI @ Clemson
Academic Integrity

See student code:  [http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1_part4_1-401.html](http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1_part4_1-401.html)

Helpful guide:  [https://provost.illinois.edu/policies/policies/academic-integrity/students-quick-reference-guide-to-academic-integrity/](https://provost.illinois.edu/policies/policies/academic-integrity/students-quick-reference-guide-to-academic-integrity/)

What is an infraction of academic integrity?

• Cheating – using or attempting to use unauthorized materials
• Plagiarism – representing the words, work, or ideas of another as your own
• Fabrication – the falsification or invention of any information, including citations
• Facilitating Infractions of Academic Integrity – helping or attempting to help another commit an infraction
• Bribes, Favors, and Threats – actions intended to affect a grade or evaluation
• Academic Interference – tampering, altering or destroying educational material or depriving someone else of access to that material
Consequences of plagiarism

- Fail assignment
- Fail class
- Loss of job opportunities
- Fired from job
- Loss of reputation

Be a great scientist! Don’t steal ideas or words.

Don’t be intellectually lazy

https://prezi.com/q5pilu8g9fe7/plagiarism-and-copyright/
Plagiarism

Giving the *impression* that someone else’s words, *ideas*, figures, etc. belong to you.

Often at stake in Advanced Composition classes, publications, talks, ...
Avoiding plagiarism 101

Never copy phrases longer than 3-4 words

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Providing a citation to a bibliographic entry or footnote does not make copying words OK

Includes:

Figure captions
Text from published paper
Text from paper you are working on with advisor
Websites
What about direct quotes?

Professor DeMarco said “Never copy phrases longer than 3-4 words.”

Uncommon in technical writing

You can only quote words that someone said in person, in an email, text message, over the phone, or in a letter to you.
https://en.writecheck.com/plagiarism-quiz

Instructions:

Once you've answered each question, click "Check Answer" to see the correct answer, and "Next" to move onto the next question. At the end, click "Finished?" to see how well you did.
You re-use paragraphs from a paper you wrote last semester and put it into a new assignment, and you don’t cite it because it’s your own work. Is this plagiarism?

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(B) No
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This is self plagiarism! The issue at stake: the professor will assume that you created the content for the new assignment.
Say you found two papers about the same research: Paper A is the original finding; Paper B is an analysis that references Paper A. You use a section of the analysis from Paper B. Which paper do you cite?

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Citing Paper A or both papers would be misattribution!
Dropping & Withdrawing
What’s the difference?

Drop deadline: 10/19

LAS students: self-service
https://apps.uillinois.edu/selfservice/

ENG students: add/drop portal
https://my.engr.illinois.edu/coursechanges

Class removed from transcript
Withdraw: petition to drop after deadline

“W” on transcript
Incomplete

Excused absence for final exam, final project, or final assignment

“I” on transcript

Plan with instructor to make up activity and replace grade
Proficiency Exam

Instrument to receive credit without taking class by demonstrating mastery

Each department has their own rules and dates. Check their website!

Physics:

• Offered for 10x, 21x the Thursday before classes start each semester
• You can take only one at a time
• You cannot take a proficiency exam once you have completed PHYS325
• You must earn at least a B to pass
Transfer credit

Check using a free tool: https://www.transferologylab.com/index.htm

You must initiate the process!

Send syllabus to ouacoursearticulation@illinois.edu

Include full name, UIN, transfer course subject and number, college of enrollment
Taking graduate courses

• You have to ask permission
• You must meet the pre-requisites
• You must have completed the majority of your physics and general education requirements
• You cannot substitute for undergraduate courses

*What people who make clip art think a physics graduate class looks like

Pick up the form in 231 Loomis
Independent Study

Earn credit for doing research: 1-4 credit hours

PHYS 199: for freshmen
PHYS 497: sophomores +

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