Academic Integrity: A Central Principle of the University

What if your brain surgeon had cheated through college?

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:
http://www.ucsc.edu/academics/academic_integrity
/undergraduate_students/

It’s for a reason.

A message from the Student Union Assembly, the undergraduate student government of UCSC
Academic Misconduct:

- Plagiarism: taking material for papers from the web without citation, using other students’ papers
- Cheating on exams—e.g., copying from others, using cheat-sheets, helping others cheat
- Due process – meetings with the instructor, me, and the Academic Tribunal
- Academic integrity record – future recommendations and graduate schools
Level 2 First offense: evidence suggests that the student or students engaged in sustained or an especially serious violation of academic integrity. For example, deliberate plagiarism or cheating on an examination may be in this category. 1-3 term suspension.
What is plagiarism?

"The action or practice of taking someone else's work, ideas, etc, and passing it off as one's own; literary theft." Oxford English Dictionary
Examples of Plagiarism

- Copying from a website, such as Wikipedia.
- Copying from an article in a magazine, journal, or newspaper.
- Copying from a book.
- Copying someone else's work.
- Any form of “copying & pasting” without citing.

“What did you put down for the definition of plagiarism?”

Cartoonstock.com- search ID rmo0461
- Rewording (paraphrasing) a source, or someone else's work without citing it.
- Failing to place quotation marks around a direct quote.
- Fabricating citations or providing incorrect references.
- Buying an essay online and turning it in as your own.
- Using a previously written essay for another class.
Deliberate Plagiarism

• Rewriting from books or articles
• Copying & pasting from web pages and online sources to create a patchwork writing
• Buying, downloading, or renting someone else's work

Accidental Plagiarism

• Not knowing when & how to cite
• Not knowing how to paraphrase or summarize
• Not knowing what “common knowledge” is
• Recycling an old paper

http://www.lib.uconn.edu/classwebimages/citing/whatisPlagiarism.jpg
How to avoid cheating:

- Know exactly what counts as cheating.
- As defined in the UCSC student policies and regulation handbook: plagiarism includes not only the literal incorporation—without appropriate citation—of phrases and sentences from the work of another person, but also the use of “views, opinions, or insights of another without acknowledgment” and “paraphrasing the characteristic or original phraseology, metaphor, or other literary device of another without proper attribution.”
How to avoid cheating:

- Don’t get behind in your work, so you don’t feel overwhelming pressure
- Get assistance in course work (go to office hours and/or email your instructor)
- Use Writing Assistants (regardless of how good a writer you are)
- Hang out with people who study, form study groups
Talk to your professors and T.A.s

--Check out the following websites:

https://www.ue.ucsc.edu/academic_misconduct

http://guides.library.ucla.edu/citing/intro
Top 10 excuses for academic misconduct that have not worked:

1. “I didn’t realize this was plagiarism.”
2. “I didn’t mean to do anything wrong.”
3. “I thought I was supposed to collaborate on the work with another student.”
4. “I accidentally sent in the wrong draft of my paper.” “I meant to include citations but ran out of time.”
Top 10 excuses for academic misconduct that have not worked:

5. “I didn’t know Computer Science Professor Charlie McDowell was really going to check our programming code.” (even though he states this in his syllabus)

6. “I really wanted to do well in this class and ran out of time.”

http://www.worth1000.com/contests/16829/worth-merit-badges-4
7. “Everyone does it. I just happened to get caught.”

8. “I needed this class for my major and was afraid I wouldn’t pass.”
Top 10 excuses for academic misconduct that have not worked:

- 9. “I know I made a mistake and I’m sorry so can’t you just forget this happened?”
- 10. “If this goes on my record, I won’t be able to go to grad school.”