

The Bowdoin College Academic Honor Code

The following activities constitute breaches of the Academic Honor Code:

1. “Academic dishonesty” includes but is not limited to:
 1. the receiving, giving, or using of any unauthorized assistance on quizzes, tests, written assignments, examinations or laboratory assignments;
 2. reference to sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in preparing papers, constructing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other academic assignments;
 3. inadequate citation of sources;
 4. acquisition, without permission, of tests, computer files or similar material which would give the student an unfair advantage on an assignment or examination;
 5. submission of academic work not a student’s own original effort;
 6. use of the same work for multiple courses without prior knowledge of the receiving instructors;
 7. depriving learners of access, including computer access, to library information through intentional monopolization, mutilation, defacing, unauthorized removal of books or other materials from College libraries, or purposeful failure to return library materials on a timely basis;
 8. unauthorized altering of academic records (transcripts, grading sheets, Course Registration Cards, etc.)

2. A number of Bowdoin College courses employ various kinds of collaborative assignments in several different situations, including homework, laboratory reports, and in-class assignments. When preparing such course work, students should follow the individual instructor’s policy on collaboration. When the instructor permits collaboration among students, the use of another student’s work or ideas should be credited properly.

3. It is the obligation of students to be thoroughly familiar with proper citation of sources and to consult and refer to authoritative style guides for research papers. New students will receive a copy of *Sources* during Orientation. Students should keep this booklet for reference throughout their years at Bowdoin. The Bowdoin College Library Web site provides links to style guides at <http://www.bowdoin.edu/dept/library/eref/write.html>. Students are particularly encouraged to consult the [MLA Style Guides, Sources, and Bibliographic Formats for Citing Electronic Information](#).

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