



# OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

HOW FACULTY CAN PREVENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Faculty must understand the factors that make students more likely to engage in academic misconduct. Intentional adjustments to online pedagogy can support student learning and encourage adherence to GVSU's high standards for academic integrity.

### UNDERSTANDING CAUSES

Students are more likely to engage in academic misconduct when they:

- Are unclear on course and assignment expectations
- Do not understand what qualifies as academic misconduct
- Lack skills for doing research and working responsibly with sources
- Fear the consequences of high stakes assessments
- Believe the assignment is “busy work”

### SET STUDENTS UP FOR SUCCESS IN ONLINE CLASSES

Faculty are responsible for creating a learning environment that supports academic integrity. Small adjustments can help students avoid academic misconduct:

- Include a syllabus statement that defines academic misconduct and includes a link to the Statement
- Provide clear guidance about how to cite sources
- Be specific about what types of resources (including other students) are permitted
- Provide opportunities to practice and retake quizzes and exams
- Direct students to campus and online resources for additional help

### USE COURSE AND ASSIGNMENT DESIGN TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

When designing courses, keep in mind the primary causes of academic misconduct listed above. Help students avoid these missteps through intentional design:

- Design exams to be open book/open internet
- Keep materials fresh and updated
- Design prompts and questions to be unique to your class
- Scaffold assignments so they build on one another
- Define the significance of assignments to course learning outcomes
- Set time limits on exams
- Use multiple question styles, randomized question numbers

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reach out to partners on campus for additional support and refer students as appropriate:

- Pew Faculty Teaching & Learning Center: [gvsu.edu/ftlc](https://gvsu.edu/ftlc)
- University Libraries: [gvsu.edu/library](https://gvsu.edu/library)
- Student Academic Success Center: [gvsu.edu/sasc](https://gvsu.edu/sasc)
- Writing Center: [gvsu.edu/wc](https://gvsu.edu/wc)

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