Academic Integrity Policy at Southern Miss

- The new Academic Integrity (AI) Policy at Southern Miss is being implemented in fall 2016.
- The definitions of “academic misconduct” in the policy are broader than you might expect. Examples of “academic misconduct” in the policy include:
  - Cheating
  - Plagiarism and improper citation
  - Submitting work to multiple classes without permission
  - Conspiracy to cheat
  - ... and others
What happens if students violate the Academic Integrity Policy?

• Instructors determine the penalty for academic misconduct in their classes, so check your syllabi and talk with your professors about their policies.

• University policy identifies a range of possible academic penalties your professor could give, depending on the severity of the behavior, including:
  – An F on the test or assignment
  – A grade of zero on the test or the assignment
  – A grade of “XF” for the course (which will be on the transcript as “Failure due to academic misconduct”)
Can students appeal an academic misconduct penalty?

- Yes. The AI Policy provides students with a process to appeal any penalty for alleged academic misconduct.
- Appeals will be heard by a board of students and faculty.
- Students may also petition for a maximum of one “XF” to be changed to an “F” if the student completes a required remediation.
- Multiple XFs lead to suspension and expulsion.
Academic Integrity Policy at Southern Miss

• For more information about the policy and the appeals process, please visit the Office of the Provost’s website and click on “Academic Integrity” in the left-hand sidebar.

• Face-to-face workshops on Academic Integrity and avoiding misconduct are offered by Cook Library this fall. You can register through the Provost’s page.
Office of the Provost

Students' Guide to Academic Integrity

At the University of Southern Mississippi, we expect everyone in our community to operate with academic integrity, holding to the highest standards of scholarly professionalism. Our campus should be characterized by honest, responsible, respectful and ethical behavior, and the Academic Integrity Policy reflects this expectation.

Our Academic Integrity Policy

The Southern Miss Academic Integrity Policy includes:

- Our University’s definitions of “academic misconduct”;
- Sanctions imposed for academic misconduct, including the “XF” grade;
- Consequences of receiving an XF; and
- Processes for appeal in cases of alleged misconduct.

Questions? Email integrity@usm.edu