Academic Integrity Policy at Southern Miss

• At Southern Miss, we have a strong Academic Integrity policy that defines “academic misconduct” to 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 “students” then “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.
https://www.usm.edu/provost

Questions? Email integrity@usm.edu