Avoiding Plagiarism and UNM’s Policy on Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism is the use of another person’s ideas, words, phrases, sentences, facts, graphics, charts, or other intellectual products without appropriately citing or crediting the original source(s).

Examples of plagiarism:

- Use of direct, word-for-word quotations without the use of quotation marks and referencing of the source of the quotation.
- Paraphrasing information without proper citation of the source.
- Downloading work from the Internet and submitting it without citation.
- Directly copying and pasting from any source, electronic or written, without citation.
- Submission of a work product from a previous course for credit in a current course without direct permission of the instructor.

UNM’s Policy on Academic Dishonesty, from Regents’ Policy Manual – Section 4.8

Definition: “Academic dishonesty” includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming work for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the University; and nondisclosure or misrepresentation in filling out applications or other university records.

Policy: The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against any student who is found guilty of academic dishonesty or who otherwise fails to meet the expected standards. Any student judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course.

UNM-Gallup Writing Center’s Responsibility

The UNM-Gallup Writing Center is committed to promoting academic honesty in all forms, especially in students’ writing tasks and assignments. We reserve the right to investigate and identify all possibilities of plagiarized content, making sure that the student is guided accordingly in revising his/her work to fulfill citation and referencing rules. Disciplinary action, whenever appropriate, shall remain the sole right and responsibility of the student’s instructor.

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