

Information about Plagiarism and Cheating

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While it is distasteful to consider these topics at a military graduate school, past experience has shown that the guidelines need to be clearly explained in order to avoid misunderstandings.

Plagiarism is the submission of another person's work as representing one's own work.

Cheating is the copying of another person's work. Plagiarism is a form of cheating.

It is the responsibility of the faculty to clearly explain the rules and guidelines for each component of a course that is going to be turned in for credit and to be available to answer as many questions as required to clarify the rules.

It is the responsibility of the student to understand and follow the rules specified by the

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proofs, solutions, and other sequences of ideas must be acknowledged with such terms as “The following section follows the derivation of Ref. 3.” or “Reference 8 shows that the following is true.”

Figures that are copied from other sources must acknowledge the source with a citation in the caption. Figures that are slight modifications of a figure from a source must also acknowledge the source in the caption.

In case of suspected or proven cheating or plagiarism, the instructor is solely responsible for determining the effect on the student's grade in course. Penalties can include failure on the assignment or failure in the course. The decisions of the instructor can be appealed to the Department Chairman and, then, the School Dean. Usually the student's Program Officer will be notified of the infraction and its circumstances. The Program Officer may decide to investigate the infraction and to pursue remedies through the military chain of command at NPS. Penalties can range up to disenrollment from NPS and even removal from the service.