

**Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy**  
**Pamplin College of Business**  
**Virginia Tech**

**Policy 640**

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Pamplin College of Business is committed to fostering an intellectually stimulating environment based on Virginia Tech's principles of academic integrity as described in the [Graduate](#) and [Undergraduate](#) Honor Systems. Academic integrity is essential to the success of Pamplin's educational and research missions and violations of academic integrity and plagiarism policies constitute serious offense. These policies apply to both in-class and online courses taught by Pamplin faculty.

**Academic Integrity** is presentation of learning and scholarship in an honest, transparent, and respectful way that values personal responsibility, original expression, and proper attribution. Violations of academic integrity include, but are not limited to, such actions as 1. Unauthorized use of academic materials, tests, research papers, assignments, or similar materials; 2. Unauthorized or inappropriate file sharing; and 3. Having others complete coursework, write papers or take tests/quizzes for you.

Virginia Tech and Pamplin College of Business assure the integrity of online courses by:

- Putting in place effective procedures through which to ensure that the student who registers in a distance education course is the same who participates in and completes the course and receives the academic credit;
- Discussing issues of academic integrity during orientation and incoming students are required to sign a statement indicating they understand and agree to abide by specific ethical guidelines;
- Explicitly referencing online learning in its academic integrity policies;
- Training faculty members engaged in online learning regarding issues of academic integrity, including ways to prevent cheat.

**Plagiarism** is the representation of another person's work, thoughts, or ideas, as one's own. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, copying material and using ideas from an article, book, or the internet without proper documentation of references or without properly enclosing quoted material in quotation marks.

Virginia Tech and Pamplin College of Business require that in its online courses;

- Every major homework, papers or exams students submit for a grade must be screened by an anti-plagiarism software or service;
- Exams that are administered outside a supervised test center and without visual monitoring are required to employ additional security such as in multifactor authentication in order to assure the person enrolled in the person taking the exam;

**Violations of Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy**

Violations of academic integrity and plagiarism involving Pamplin College courses and students (including both in-class and online courses) will be reported to Virginia Tech's Honor System. Students are required to review Virginia Tech's Graduate and Undergraduate Honor System to become familiar with policies and procedures involving violations of academic integrity and plagiarism. Additionally, departments may provide further guidelines.

**Undergraduate Honor System**

<http://honorsystem.vt.edu/>

**Graduate Honor System**

<http://graduateschool.vt.edu/academics/expectations/graduate-honor-system.html>