

## USC Statement of Academic Integrity

Academic ethical behavior is essential for an institution dedicated to the promotion of knowledge and learning. The University of South Carolina is committed to fostering a university environment which exemplifies the values embodied in the *Carolinian Creed*. All members of the University Community have a responsibility to uphold and maintain the highest standards of integrity in study, research, instruction, and evaluation; as well as adhering to the *Honor Code*.

### Carolinian Creed

The community of scholars at the University of South Carolina is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. Choosing to join the community obligates each member to a code of civilized behavior.

*As a Carolinian...*



*I will practice  
personal and academic integrity;*



*I will respect  
the dignity of all persons;*



*I will respect  
the rights and property of others;*



*I will discourage  
bigotry, while striving to learn from  
differences in people, ideas and opinions;*



*I will demonstrate  
concern for others, their feelings, and their need for  
conditions which support their work and development.*

### University of South Carolina Honor Code

It is the responsibility of every student at the University of South Carolina Columbia to adhere steadfastly to truthfulness and to avoid dishonesty, fraud, or deceit of any type in connection with any academic program. Any student who violates this Honor Code or who knowingly assists another to violate this Honor Code shall be subject to discipline.

### **Academic Integrity in the Arnold School**

The University of South Carolina has clearly articulated its values, expectations, and policies governing academic integrity. All students and faculty are expected to maintain the highest possible standards of academic integrity. If a faculty member has evidence that any violation of these standards has occurred, it must be reported to the USC Office of Academic Integrity. Any violation for which a student is found responsible will result in academic penalties as well as disciplinary action. Common violations, campus and online resources, and detailed information about University policies procedures to report and evaluate alleged violations are provided at [www.sc.edu/academicintegrity](http://www.sc.edu/academicintegrity).

For students, both graduate and undergraduate, plagiarism, i.e., improper citation of sources, improper use of another person's work, and any other form of academic misrepresentation, is the most common violation. Every student in the Arnold School is responsible for understanding and avoiding plagiarism. Plagiarism is a form of representing someone else's work as if it was yours. Inadvertent plagiarism is still plagiarism. The sites listed below provide useful guidance and instruction about avoiding plagiarism and properly citing or acknowledging other's work.

- Purdue University (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>)
- Indiana University (<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>)
- Northwestern University (<http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/plagiar.html>)
- University of North Carolina  
(<http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/plagiarism.html>)
- Princeton University  
(<http://www.princeton.edu/pr/pub/integrity/08/plagiarism/>)