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## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Plagiarism and cheating**

Students at the Faculty of Law are expected to observe high ethical standards not only as students but also as potential members of the legal profession. The Faculty trusts its students to act with propriety and integrity in their relationships with each other and with the Faculty, in both academic and non-academic endeavours.

It is a serious offence to engage in plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty or to assist others in doing so. **The University's regulations and policies regarding plagiarism and cheating apply to the Faculty of Law.** They provide both a detailed explanation of what constitutes plagiarism as well as reference to other prohibited forms of academic dishonesty and cheating, and the possible penalties that may be imposed for such infractions. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with these regulations.

Students writing research papers who have any uncertainties regarding the scope of the rules against plagiarism, and the appropriate way in which to use and reference source materials, should consult their individual instructors.

**Plagiarism and submission of prior work products:** Similarly, although not specifically covered by the University's plagiarism regulations, it would also raise ethical issues to attempt to submit for academic credit, all or part of a memo, report, or other work product that undertaken or completed outside the academic context, such as for employment purposes, without prior discussion and authorization from your instructor. Accordingly, if you wish to make use of prior research and writing completed outside an academic context, you must discuss this with your instructor before doing so. The instructor can then determine the extent to which it would be appropriate for you to rely on, and build upon, such work.

Please view the University of Victoria's regulations on Academic Integrity at:

<http://web.uvic.ca/calendar/FACS/UnIn/UARe/PoAcl.html>