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To: All Students

Re: Academic Integrity

As an academic institution, East Stroudsburg University is committed to academic integrity in all activities regardless of if they take place online or in the classroom. ESU's Student Code of Conduct outlines what is included in academic misconduct. Please review the guidelines listed below. Students are expected to abide by the principles outlined regarding academic integrity. Students who do not comply with the academic expectations outlined below are subject to disciplinary action. Additionally, students who earn an "E" grade due to academic misconduct are ineligible for the alternative grading policy for the 2020-2021 academic year. An "E" grade will impact a student's overall GPA.

As outlined in ESU's Student Handbook, academic misconduct includes the following:

- During a test or examination, using anything, such as, but not limited to, any device, document, person or other resources not authorized by the instructor.
- Providing or receiving assistance in an examination, test, assignment, paper, or project in a manner not authorized by the instructor.
- Buying, selling, stealing, or engaging in unauthorized exchange, or using any tests or examinations in advance of their administration.
- Buying, selling, stealing, or engaging in unauthorized exchange, or improperly using any assignments, papers, projects, or course materials.
- Presenting as one's own, the ideas or works of another person(s) scholastic, literary, or artistic – in whole or in part without proper and customary acknowledgement of sources.
- Falsifying or inventing information, data, or research material.
- Obtaining information in a way contrary to the stated policies of the course and/or the University as stated herein.
- Attempting to bribe or coerce any university employee or student in order to gain academic advantage.
- Conspiring with others in order to circumvent academic requirements.
- Substitution for another student, arranging for substitution by another student or misrepresenting oneself as another person for a required class activity.

We know that the Pandemic has posed many challenges to your learning, but remember the hard work of academics lays the foundation for your future as well as for others. I encourage you to take advantage of the academic support provided by your academic advisor, department chairperson and ESU's [University-wide Tutoring Center](#). Also please take the time to [view this ESU produced video](#) on the top ten study tips as you approach your final exams.

Be safe and well, and together we will move forward to the other side of this Pandemic by keeping us focused on your success.

Yours,

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