

## 1. Introduction to UCSC

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Academic integrity is the cornerstone of a university education. Academic dishonesty diminishes the university as an institution and all members of the university community. It tarnishes the value of a UCSC degree.

All members of the UCSC community have an explicit responsibility to foster an environment of trust, honesty, fairness, respect, and responsibility. All members of the university community are expected to present as their original work only that which is truly their own. All members of the community are expected to report observed instances of cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty in order to ensure that the integrity of scholarship is valued and preserved at UCSC.

In the event a student is found in violation of the UCSC Academic Integrity policy, he or she may face both academic sanctions imposed by the instructor of the course and disciplinary sanctions imposed either by the provost of his or her college or by the Academic Tribunal convened to hear the case. Violations of the Academic Integrity policy can result in dismissal from the university and a permanent notation on a student's transcript.

Please see the [Appendix B](#) (page 124) for the full policy and disciplinary procedures on Academic Integrity. This policy and set of procedures was effective September 1, 1999. Students and instructors are also urged to review the [Academic Integrity web site](http://www.ucsc.edu/academics/academic_integrity/index.html) at [www.ucsc.edu/academics/academic\\_integrity/index.html](http://www.ucsc.edu/academics/academic_integrity/index.html).