

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES GRADUATE PROGRAMS
DOCTORAL DEGREE**

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Students are expected to hold themselves to high standards of ethical conduct in all phases of their academic work. Students should understand that such actions as plagiarism or cheating, or attempts to do so, are unethical and will not be tolerated.

PAPERS CANNOT BE SUBMITTED TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS FOR MORE THAN ONE COURSE. To do so constitutes academic misconduct. This is not meant to deter students from further development of a research or topical area through extension of previous work. Students should consult with the course instructor to be clear on the acceptability of papers that are based on prior coursework or other projects.

Academic misconduct may result in a course grade of F for coursework or, in some circumstances, dismissal from the program and suspension or dismissal from the University.

What is Plagiarism? (Adapted from Tech Transition manual, 2002-2003)

Occasionally, students have difficulty in understanding what is considered plagiarism. This may occur because of differences in expectations from one educational system to another. At Texas Tech University, and in the United States in general, plagiarism includes the use of another person's words (published or unpublished) without giving credit to that person. Plagiarism also includes the paraphrasing of another person's words, such that what is being stated may have a slightly different sentence structure but is essentially the same idea, without crediting that person. Sometimes this is done unintentionally. The student may intend to go back and credit the source of the words or ideas, but may forget to do so. Sometimes it is done because the student may consider it disrespectful or inaccurate to alter ideas that come from an "expert." Students need to be aware, however, that if they use another person's ideas or words, they **must** include a citation (in APA style) for those ideas or words. Use your APA manual as a guide for how to cite other people's work. Plagiarism is taken very seriously at Texas Tech University. In fact, graduate students caught plagiarizing may be dismissed from the graduate program.