

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: We follow the OSU policies on Academic Integrity (<http://osu.okstate.edu/acadaffr/aa/academicintegrity.htm>) and the Cheating & Plagiarism section (pp.G4 – G7) of your lab manual (French, D. 2008. *Investigating Biology: A Laboratory Resource Manual*). A “first” offense (in this course or any other course during your time at OSU) will result in either a Level 1 (a “0” for the assignment) or Level 2 (an “F!” for the course) sanction as described in the OSU Academic Integrity Policy. A second violation (in this course or any other course during your time at OSU) is an automatic Level 2 sanction. Any violations beyond a Level 2 sanction (**F!**) will result in an automatic suspension for no less than one year (fall/spring & summer semesters). **ALL violations and sanctions become a part of you permanent academic record! Be sure that you have read and understand this new policy as the penalties for violations of Academic Integrity are very serious.**



In addition to the policies described in the above sources, some examples of violations of Academic Integrity more specific to this course include, but are not limited to, the following:

- You may not use, as part of your groups’ report, any part of a lab report not produced by your group in the current semester. This is considered **unauthorized collaboration and plagiarism**.
- While you may talk with your group members about planning form or pre-lab materials, your planning form and pre-lab answers should represent your personal work in the current semester. Copying answers, or allowing others to copy answers, from either present or past works or having someone fill in your forms for you, is considered **unauthorized collaboration and cheating**. This includes copying your own work from previous semesters (multiple submissions).
- Identically written (or highly similar) answers (e.g. identical hypotheses) are also considered **cheating**, although some similarity will be acceptable if it is clear to the Teaching Assistant that in all other ways the work is representative of each individual student.
- **To avoid** the violation of unauthorized collaboration with currently enrolled students on planning forms, you must write the name and section number of your collaborators on your planning form; excessively similar answers may result in reduced credit.
- Possessing lab materials (including lab manuals, lab reports, planning forms, pre-lab exercise answers) from prior semesters or from other students is considered **unauthorized collaboration**.
- Using information exclusively found in prior editions of the laboratory manual is unacceptable. If such materials appear in a lab report or planning form, it will be considered **unauthorized collaboration**.
- Submitting in-class exercises with the names of members not present in class is considered **cheating** by all group members whose names appear on the exercise. Each member of a group must write his/her own name on materials submitted by the group.
- Possessing a student response pad (“clicker”) other than the one assigned to you is considered **unauthorized collaboration and cheating**.
- Misidentifying the exam version (star or no star) by indicating the incorrect version on the form or placing it in the alternate group for grading is considered **cheating**.
- Possessing a form of the exam during the examination period that is inconsistent with the assigned distribution of exams as indicated during the examination period is considered **unauthorized collaboration and cheating** by all affected individuals.
- Access to any electronic devices (for example cell phone, PDA, calculator, portable multimedia devices such as an ipod, electronic dictionaries) during an exam without explicit prior permission is considered **cheating**. All such devices must be turned off and out of sight or reach.
- Students who take a conflict exam may not possess a list of their answers, have copies of their exams, or communicate any information about the exam to other students, until after the normally scheduled exam is completed. To do so is considered **unauthorized collaboration and cheating**.

Cowboy Values:  **Honesty**  **Trust**  **Respect**  **Fairness**  **Responsibility**