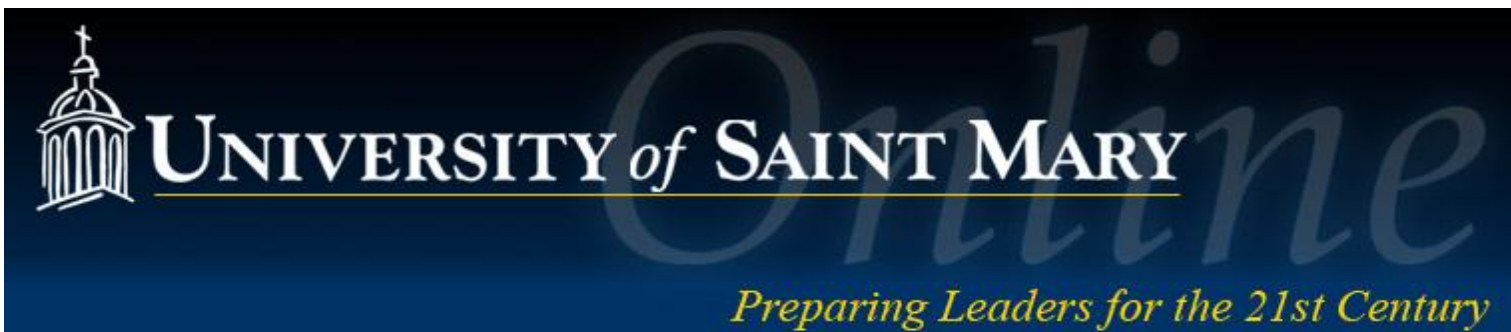




Distance Learning Program
Academic Honesty Agreement



Introduction

Academic honesty is expected of all members of the University of Saint Mary community. It is an essential component of higher education and is necessary for true academic growth. Christian tradition and professional excellence demand that truth, honesty and academic integrity be valued in all of our interactions. Consistent with the University mission and values, academic honesty is essential in achieving one's God-given potential. Value-centered lives are meaningless if honesty is not one of those values. The bonds of community require that none of us knowingly discredit the value of a Saint Mary education. Respect for others requires that we acknowledge the sources of our information. Justice requires that we possess the skills and learning that we profess to have. Excellence requires that we do the best we can in everything we do, without resorting to dishonesty or other immoral behavior.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is the policy of the University of Saint Mary. Academic dishonesty is prohibited by the University of Saint Mary. Academic dishonesty includes, without limitation, any form of cheating whether in or out of the classroom; the presenting of purchased or stolen papers, computer programs, reports, or other written work as one's original work; failure to acknowledge the source of quotations, unique ideas, figures, tables, charts, and diagrams through academically acceptable attribution when these are used in papers, reports or formal presentations; falsification of information; and destruction, concealment or unauthorized modification of academic materials of the University, faculty, other student or any other person(s) for purposes of self-gain or diminishing the academic work of another. Because standards of citation, attribution and use of materials may vary between academic disciplines or within various specialties within an academic discipline, these general definitions should be considered base levels of academic dishonesty. Individual faculty may define further academic honesty expectations in course syllabi appropriate to their academic disciplines.

Academic Honesty Statement

Students are subject to the Academic Honesty policy in the University's catalog. In addition, each term, online students will be required to review and agree to the online student honor code stated below before they will be allowed to enter their online courses that term.

Student Consent

I agree to commit to uphold the University of Saint Mary's Academic Honesty Policy as stated in the University Catalog and all academic honesty policies that are communicated by my instructors in the syllabus or other areas of my online course. In addition to agreeing to adhere to these policies and to refrain from cheating, I will not use unauthorized aids during coursework or tests, fabrication of ideas or sources, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration or assistance from other students or others outside of my class to promote my academic success or diminish other's academic work. I understand that violation of this Honor Code will result in penalties ranging from failure of an assignment, failure in the course, dismissal from the online program, and/or dismissal from the University of Saint Mary. I also agree to communicate with my fellow online students and online instructors with respect and integrity.

Signature: _____

Date: _____