

Ethics in Academic Work

Concordia Theological Seminary

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Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne expects students, as well as faculty and staff, to maintain the highest ethical standards both within and outside of the classroom. This means, among other things, that students will treat others with respect and courtesy, will be punctual and regular in their attendance in class and in turning in assignments, and will be scrupulous in submitting only their own work for all assignments and tests. Students should not use artificial intelligence (AI) or other advanced automated tools to generate particular content and phraseology and then present it as though it were their own. Any use of such tools needs to be disclosed. Students who cheat on an examination or submit written work that is not their own will receive a zero grade for the assignment and may be subject to other sanctions.

In order to avoid questionable behavior in connection with class assignments, the Seminary offers the following guidelines:

1. Do not use anyone else's ideas or words without proper documentation.
2. Do not copy directly from the internet (or any other source) unless you are incorporating the statement as a direct quotation and are including a full citation along with the statement.
3. Do not submit the same written assignment for two different classes even if the classes take place in different quarters. If you have any questions about what might be proper, consult the instructor(s) involved.
4. Do not use a paper that another has previously submitted for the same or a similar class. Use only your own work.
5. Always cite your sources. In case of doubt, consult the instructor.
6. Do not use advanced automated tools (such as artificial intelligence or machine learning tools) to generate material that you present as your own work.