

What is the RCC Policy on Academic Integrity?

Plagiarizing assignments can have a serious effect on your college career. You may fail a paper or even an entire class. Academic dishonesty is a matter between you and your instructor - the instructor will decide the remedy and/or consequences of your actions. Repeated violations may involve college administration.

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All students are expected to maintain academic integrity in their academic work and honesty in all dealings with the College. A student who cheats, plagiarizes, or furnishes false, misleading information to the College is subject to disciplinary action up to and including failure of a class or suspension/expulsion from the College.

Tips for Avoiding Plagiarism
Check your work. If you have any doubts about how to express ideas without plagiarizing, writing tutors can help. Contact the Tutoring Center - https://www.richland.edu/newstudents/academic-success-center/tutoring/ .
Learn the difference between paraphrasing and quoting. If you use the exact wording of an author, you must use quotation marks.
Be sure to include citations within the text of a paper/presentation AND at the end with a references page.
Your work product should be your voice, your ideas, your own intellectual property. You are the creator! Sources are used to support your conclusions.