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**To:** All Students  
**From:** Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Emily McDermott  
**Subject:** A Reminder about Academic Integrity

The recent transition to remote learning modalities has been a challenge that our faculty and students have courageously tackled. Remote education has allowed the institution to offer you continuity in your education through this crisis. But remote learning is new to many and with a wide variety of information sources and services abounding on the Internet, it is easy to use these sources and services inappropriately, even when not permitted. While the Internet is a wonderful resource, it is important to always properly cite sources of information and to submit work that is your own. Please adhere to the following guidelines to ensure that you maintain high standards of academic integrity in your work:

- **Follow the instructor's instructions** on all assignments, particularly as they relate to what constitutes honest work. **Review the syllabus and other materials provided to students related to academic integrity.** Do not hesitate to ask your instructor to remind you of the expectations related to group work, citations, and the use of outside sources at the start of an assignment or exam. Be sure to contact your instructor if you have any questions about what constitutes proper or improper conduct; it is better to ask for clarification before turning in an assignment or test than to face possible sanctions for a violation.
- Respect that academic integrity protects the value of your educational program. Submitting work that is not your own or that misleads your instructor degrades this value. Some examples of dishonesty include, but are not limited to: purchasing papers; using online tutoring services like Chegg to answer questions on exams or assignments; copying and or paraphrasing from the internet without citing the source; sharing answers on exams and assignments with other students.
- Please understand that there are **serious consequences** if you violate the Academic Honesty Policy. All violations are reported and possible sanctions by the instructor include failure on an assignment or in the course. If the charge is

egregious or multiple (more than one) violations are reported, disciplinary sanctions will be imposed by the university; these sanctions can include suspension from the university for one or more semesters and permanent expulsion from the university.

- Understand that instructors are obligated to **report dishonesty**. It will be useful for you to review the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) so that you are familiar with what constitutes dishonesty and you are aware of the process.

Below are links to resources you may find useful as this semester comes to a close. If you have any questions, please talk with your instructor about the expectations within your class.

Sincerely,

Emily McDermott, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
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## Links

[UMass Boston: Academic Honesty Policy](#)  
[Academic Integrity Library Guides/Tutorial with quizzes](#)  
[Reading, Writing, and Study Strategies Center](#)

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