

Department of Chemistry Plagiarism/Misrepresentation Policy

Plagiarism includes writing (or delivering information from a speech) that has been copied directly from another source or another individual and is being presented as being your own work; submitting laboratory journals or formal laboratory reports with other student's work, or presenting an idea from an existing source as a new idea. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity standards and policies of Union University and the Department of Chemistry.

Misrepresentation is an intentional or sometimes negligent false representation of academic work, such as presenting fictional material in a speech or paper while failing to tell the audience or reader that material is not true; or the citing of non-existent sources in an academic paper. This is a violation of academic integrity standards of Union University and the Department Chemistry.

A single instance in any paper or presentation of any of the above is characterized as plagiarism or misrepresentation by Department of Chemistry policy.

For the 2005-06 academic year, the Department of Chemistry is establishing the following penalties for confirmed cases for plagiarism and misrepresentation:

First Offense: Consultation to explain to students the reason the offense was considered plagiarism or misrepresentation. Students will be advised of the consequences for the first and any future offenses. The department chair will be notified of the consultation.

Second Offense: Automatic score of 0 (zero) on the project or paper. Students will be advised of the consequences for future offenses. The department chair will be notified prior to the consultation.

Third Offense: A student guilty of plagiarism or misrepresentation for the third time in a single class, or within the department (two offenses in separate classes, such as two in Analytical and two in Organic) will receive an automatic failure in the course. The Dean of Arts & Sciences and the Provost will be notified.

All confirmed second offense cases of plagiarism and misrepresentation will be shared with the department chair, all Chemistry professors (per departmental policy), and reported to the Dean of Arts and Sciences and Provost (as required by Union University).