



Policy Statement on Student Academic Work-Product Originality

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Related policies: Student Honor Code.

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A. Overview

Students in law school are expected to learn the law, to learn the tools of the practice of law, and to prepare for the demands of the legal profession. Students must establish habits that will carry them forward as professionals. As measures of learning and preparation, a law student's academic work products must be their own.

B. Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the submission or presentation of any work, in any form, that is not a student's own without a
language from the work of a
expulsion;
impossible, however, to anticipate
Therefore, the absence of a p
discipline under the Honor C
A violation of this policy may
"F" in the course. Faculty may

Committee as misconduct under Southwestern's Student Honor Code.

This policy does not override or revise in any way the school's plagiarism policy as set forth above and as noted in the Student Honor Code.

1. Collaboration with other LAWS student

Students may discuss thoughts and ideas with other students in the LAWS course. Students may not, however, share their notes (other than class notes), case lists, printouts, charts, drafts, or any other material that contains the students' thoughts on the problem and may not work together beyond general thoughts and ideas except as expressly permitted by the professor. Students may not read written materials out loud to another student counts as impermissible sharing.

Students enrolled in SCALE may not discuss thoughts, ideas, or written information with any student enrolled in the LAWS course in the traditional day program, evening program, PLEAS, or part-time day program. Students enrolled in SCALE may only discuss thoughts and ideas with students currently enrolled in the SCALE LAWS course.

2. Collaboration with anyone other than a LAWS student

Students are encouraged to seek assistance from their LAWS professor.

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