

# NURSING 605 PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS IN ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

Fall 2010
Professional Faculties Building
Room 2253
Wednesday 0900-1200
September 15<sup>th</sup>-December 8<sup>th</sup> 2010

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**All Meetings by Appointment Only** 

## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Exploration of the philosophical foundations of advanced nursing practice. A process of critical analysis and deconstruction of the various conceptual frameworks and paradigms leading to articulation of the philosophical perspectives that guide advanced nursing practice.

## **COURSE INTENTS**

Upon completion of this course, students will have had opportunities to:

- Articulate an understanding of different philosophical approaches guiding advanced nursing practice.
- 2. Explore various philosophical stances underpinning nursing knowledge and theoretical frameworks, including traditional science, human sciences, critical social sciences, feminisms, interpretive/hermeneutics, post-structuralisms.
- 3. Interpret the relationships amongst philosophy, theory, research and practice.
- 4. Discuss various nursing concepts and theories, their underlying philosophical assumptions, and their implications for nursing practice.
- 5. Critique their own philosophical views and articulate where they fit within the different philosophical paradigms.

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this course is to provide a foundation for understanding and articulating the nature of advanced nursing practice, and to create understanding on how philosophical thought has influenced the development and evolution of advanced practice. During this course, students will have opportunities to develop/enhance a variety of inquiry-based practices, including interpretive and critical comparative analyses of ideas, articulation of philosophical concepts, posing and responding to philosophical questions, and engaging in scholarly philosophical discussion. Weekly recommended readings will provide the basis for seminar discussion.

DATE	CLASS TOPIC
September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Introduction to Philosophy
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Graduate Writing Class
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Philosophy and Knowledge
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ontology
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Paper Literature Review
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Epistemology (Part 1)
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Epistemology (Part 1)
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hegemony
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Axiology
	Presentation #1
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Methodology
	Presentation #2
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation #3 and #4
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation #5 and #6
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paper Completion
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Future of Nursing Knowledge

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum pass for graduate courses is B-. This score is calculated as an average over all assignments.

<u>Failure to obtain at least a B- on any one assignment does NOT mean failing the COURSE.</u>

## September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## REQUIRED READINGS

Rodgers, B.L., (2005). Understanding nursing knowledge (pp 1-18); Knowledge in classical philosophy (pp 19-34). In *B.L. Rodgers, (Ed.), Developing nursing knowledge: Philosophical traditions and influences.* Philosophical traditions and Wilkins. Pre-ordered and available through UC bookstore.

Select course ARTICLES will be posted in Blackboard under N605 FALL Term 'Readings' 10 days prior to the first class at <a href="http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca">http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca</a>. THE ARTICLES TO BE READ FOR EACH CLASS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE CLASS OUTLINE.

If you do not have a University of Calgary Information Technology account, please register at <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/it/register">www.ucalgary.ca/it/register</a>. If you **do** have an IT account but cannot remember your password, call 403-220-5555 (IT Support Centre) after the first day of class.

#### THIS IS HOW THE COURSE WORKS:

- 1) Read the **study guide** for that week.
- 2) Read the **articles** listed for each class.
- 3) Consider the 'thoughts to ponder' (in class notebook) as you read the literature.
- 4) Create your **original posting** by referring to the 'thoughts to ponder', using those questions to stimulate your posting. It is NOT expected that your posting will include ALL the readings nor answer ALL the questions YOU have to decide what is most salient for YOU and share it in your posting with the group.
- 5) Create your **response posting** after you have read all the original postings and considered your colleagues thoughts in light of your own.

#### **EVALUATION**

## **MAJOR PHILOSOPHICAL PAPER (35%)**

- The purpose of this paper is to APPLY a philosophical foundation to frame a discussion on a
  particular practice issue/challenge related to the advancement of your nursing practice
- It is suggested that you explore an advanced nursing practice topic/concept upon which you plan to build your research proposal or about which you plan to write your final course-based paper
- An 'example' of a paper that would suit MY interest might be: The Application of an Interpretive Paradigm to the Exploration of Professional Role Transition in Nurses
- It is suggested that you review your considered paper topic and approach with faculty before proceeding
- IF YOU CHOOSE, you may submit a draft of your major paper to me November 10th for a full review – I will grade the paper, providing feedback to you such that you can build your major paper for final submission December 8th

#### **CLASS PRESENTATION (25%)**

- This assignment will allow students to explore various philosophical traditions and theoretical frameworks, underpinning nursing knowledge
- Groups will consist of 2-3 students/group
- Presentations will constitute a fundamental and indepth review and critique of a chosen
  philosophical framework, including (at the *minimum*) it's history, origins, primary tenets, how it IS
  or COULD BE utilized to advance nursing practice, what research questions, methodology, data
  collection strategies would be congruent with that philosophical tradition, and what the potential
  challenges nursing practitioners might face in applying the tradition to a chosen area of nursing
  practice
- This presentation will be marked on scholarly presentation as well as creative teaching approaches to knowledge transfer (dialogue facilitation) by both peers and faculty

## **DISCUSSION BOARD POSTINGS (25%)**

- The online discussion will provide an opportunity for students to explore their thinking relative to the readings for each week of class
- You will be expected to 'synthesize' the readings with prior class readings (as appropriate) with the goal of advancing a dialogue on the nursing discipline
- I SUGGEST YOU USE THE ' THOUGHTS TO PONDER' (located in the class outline) AS THE BASIS FOR YOUR DISCUSSION POSTINGS
- Each student will post ONE original posting and ONE response related to the week's discussion topic
- it is expected that postings will contain references to previous dialogue where applicable, course readings, and/or literature reviewed by students
- Postings (original and response) are to be well articulated, 'calculated' (intentionally and strategically structured), critical (this is NOT criticism but a substantiated argument or challenge) and evidence- informed (knowledge, research and experience)
- All postings will be limited to <250 words references, if used, are to be appropriately cited at the end of the posting and are NOT included in the 250 word limit

## **CLASS DIALOGUE (15%)**

- Students will offer comment, critique, challenge and dialectic during class
- The student's demonstrated ability to respond, direct, facilitate, question, clarify and support will be considered
- Students will be evaluated on the quality of their discourse by their peers
- Using the 'questions to ponder' as you peruse your readings will provide you with a compréhensive underpinning for discussion

## **N605**

## **DUE DATES**

DATE	WHAT IS DUE	
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to Philosophy Original Posting 0900	
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Philosophy and Knowledge Original Posting 0900	
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ontology Original Posting 0900	
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Epistemology (Part 1) Original Posting 0900	
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Epistemology (Part 2) Original Posting 0900	
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hegemony Original Posting 0900	
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Axiology Original Posting 0900	
	Major Paper Draft Due 0900	
	Presentation #1	
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Methodology Original Posting 0900	
	Presentation #2	
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Response Posting 1200	
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation #3	
	Presentation #4	
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation #5	
	Presentation #6	
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	N605 Synthesis Original Posting 0900	
	Major Paper Final Submission Due 0900	
	Class Participation Peer Evaluation	
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Final Response Posting 1200	

## **MARKING GUIDES**

## RUBRIC FOR EVALUATING DISCUSSION BOARD (DB) POSTINGS

ELEMENTS	Does not meet requirements ( = B-)</th <th>Meets requirements (B to B+)</th> <th>Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)</th>	Meets requirements (B to B+)	Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)
Substantive content	Discussion is limited to surface descriptions of issues, activities or events. These descriptions do not provide sufficient background or depth. Little evidence of engagement with the intent of NURS 605 to develop philosophical thinking.	A plausible and convincing engagement with issues, activities and event. DB positions and responses offer depth and richness and offer some evidence of engagement with philosophical thought.	Sophisticated presentation of issues, activities and events. Central ideas and themes are presented in a way that facilitates a philosophical discussion
Process and scholarship	Discussion is vague and lacks specificity, clarity and insight. Relies primarily on course materials and issues covered in class. Little or no evidence of independent reading, resource investigation.	Discussion is specific and reasonably well supported with relevant literature.	Very good to outstanding expression. Writing is scholarly and relatively free of errors. Flow is clear and logical and is well supported by reference to a variety of relevant literature.
Analysis and synthesis	Simplistic view of the topic is presented. Little or no effort made to grasp possible alternative views. Does not develop new information or material.	Demonstrates a satisfactory ability to craft an academic argument. Analysis is logical and offers insights into competing perspectives.	Very good to outstanding ability to construct a coherent, logical and well supported argument or discussion.
Presentation	Numerous errors in sentence structure, punctuation and grammar. Inaccurate application of APA style.	Satisfactory organization and structure, evidenced by appropriate sentencing, grammar and punctuation. APA style is mostly correct.	Very good to outstanding presentation, evidenced by excellent grammar, sentence structure and use of punctuation. APA format is correct.

## **RUBRIC FOR EVALUATING CLASS PRESENTATIONS**

ELEMENTS	Does not meet requirements ( = B-)</th <th>Meets requirements (B to B+)</th> <th>Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)</th>	Meets requirements (B to B+)	Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)
Representation of practice context, highlighting how practice is influenced	Account is limited to a surface description of practice context.	Offers a plausible and convincing account of the context in which practice happens. Presentation of context shows a satisfactory to good level of sophistication.	The context is presented in a manner that includes sociopolitical, economic and historical influences. Offers a thought provoking exploration and analysis of the impact of the philosophical assumptions inherent to advanced nursing practice. Presentation demonstrates a very good to outstanding level of integration of practice issues.
Underlying assumptions & impact of these on practice	Context is limited to description with no elaboration on underlying assumptions & impact of these on practice.	The prevailing stance and underlying assumptions described with minimal opportunity for interpretation and impact on practice.	Descriptive and interpretive elements of the interface between values, beliefs and practice are fluidly incorporated throughout presentation. The work of nurse scholars and theorists is acknowledged and integrated throughout presentation.
Class discussion and reference to relevant and significant sources	Presentation does not encourage open discussion and participation by classmates. Questions that are posed are too simplistic to effectively engage classmates.	Poses questions that effectively create openings for participation by all present. Responsively incorporates & addresses ideas offered by classmates to extend and embellish the discussion.	Poses questions that lead to deep scholarly discussion, interpretations and analysis beyond what was originally presented.
Presentation Style	Demonstrates little interest or passion for the topic. PowerPoint, if used is read rather than utilized as an adjunct to the presentation.	Demonstrates a satisfactory level of engagement with the topic and participants. Projection and articulation is good.	Demonstrates enthusiasm and immersion with the topic, engaging and opening conversation with participants.

## RUBRIC FOR EVALUATING MAJOR PHILOSOPHICAL PAPER

ELEMENTS	Does not meet requirements ( = B-)</th <th>Meets requirements (B to B+)</th> <th>Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)</th>	Meets requirements (B to B+)	Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)
Substantive content	Paper is limited to a surface description of coming to the topic or issue. Introduces topic that is not related to the course content. Discussion around the topic, underlying assumptions and relevance to advanced nursing practice lacks specificity and clarity.	Clearly describes the topic, with first level understanding of philosophical tensions. Underlying assumptions that lead to different views of the topic are described well and related to specific paradigmatic views. Significance of the topic to the student's advanced nursing practice is clear.	Offers a clearly identifiable, sophisticated and insightful description, interpretation and critique of the topic. Demonstrates clear understanding of philosophical view/s to the student's primary research or advanced nursing practice context. A discussion is evident on how these differing views can result in tensions within the topic at hand or with nursing practice. Clear articulation of the student's own philosophical beliefs about the topic is evident, reflecting the student's philosophical stance as it relates to advancing nursing practice. Expressed philosophy of practice is ontologically and epistemologically coherent.
Process and scholarship	Comments and analysis lack supporting literature with minimal insight on philosophical views. Relies primarily on course materials and issues covered in class. Numerous errors in sentence structure, punctuation and diction, including inappropriate APA format and utilization of direct quotes.	Demonstrates ability to present the topic and underlying assumptions and paradigmatic views reasonably clearly. Uses literature sources beyond course readings to support comments. Scholarly writing is generally satisfactory with few errors in sentence structure, syntax, spelling, grammar and punctuation. APA format mostly correct.	Outstanding expression of the topic, underlying assumptions and philosophical views. Writing is scholarly and essentially free of APA errors, appropriately referenced, coherent, clear flow, structure and grammar.
Argumentation	Simplistic view of topic. Little or no effort to grasp possible alternative views.	Paradigmatic views are acknowledged, though perhaps not addressed or explored effectively. Flow is logical reasonably easy to follow.	Develops argument logically and clearly with smooth flow. Envisages consequences and tensions of differing perspectives and practices on own philosophical stance.
Conclusion	There is no clear conclusion or representation of the constituents of one's own philosophical stance in advanced nursing practice.	Offers a satisfactory explanation of philosophical views and tensions that have some impact on practice. Some connection to own philosophical stance.	Very good to outstanding articulation of student's ontological and epistemological stance for advancing nursing practice.

## **RUBRIC FOR EVALUATING CLASS DIALOGUE**

## **PEER EVALUATED**

ELEMENTS	Does not meet requirements ( = B-)</th <th>Meets requirements (B to B+)</th> <th>Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)</th>	Meets requirements (B to B+)	Exceeds requirements (A- to A+)
Substantive content	Dialogue is limited to a surface description of coming to the topic or issue. Discussion around the topic, underlying assumptions and relevance to advanced nursing practice lacks specificity and clarity.	Clearly makes their points or advances their philosophical position with first level understanding of philosophical tensions. Underlying assumptions that lead to different views of the topic are articulated well and related to specific paradigmatic views.	Offers a clearly identifiable, sophisticated and insightful description, interpretation and critique of the class discussion. Demonstrates clear understanding of philosophical views that can be brought to bear on the discussion, and how these differing views can result in tensions. Clear articulation of the student's philosophical beliefs about the topic are evident. Expressed philosophy of practice is ontologically and epistemologically coherent.
Process and scholarship	Comments and analysis lack support with minimal insight on philosophical views. Relies primarily on course materials and issues covered in class.	Demonstrates ability to present the topic and underlying assumptions and paradigmatic views reasonably clearly. It is apparent that the student has thoroughly read and understood course readings.	Outstanding expression of the topic, underlying assumptions and philosophical views. Uses literature and experiences beyond course readings to support comments.
Argumentation	Simplistic view of topic. Little or no effort to grasp possible alternative views.	Paradigmatic views are acknowledged, though perhaps not addressed or explored effectively.	Develops argument logically and clearly with smooth flow. Envisages consequences and tensions of differing perspectives and practices on own philosophical stance. Demonstrates humility in approach to colleagues, opening and inviting opposing perspectives and honouring colleague's beliefs.

## FACULTY OF NURSING GRADUATE GRADING SCALE

If the grade on your assignment is:	The percentage will be taken from:	If the total for all assignments is:	Your final grade will be:	ESTABLISHED 2009/02/23
A+	4.0	3.95 - 4.00	A+	Outstanding Elegant exposition of publication quality work that would make a significant, scholarly contribution to the area of investigation.
А	4.0	3.85 – 3.94	А	Excellent - Superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.  Exceptional performance that goes beyond the specified requirements of the assignment, and demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter that includes the ability to critically assess and creatively apply knowledge to new situations.
A-	3.7	3.50 – 3.84	A-	Very good performance Clarity of thought and expression that reveals the rich meaning of and complex relationship between assumptions, ideas and actions, and includes a critical examination of the topic. Relevant reference material has been correctly documented and effectively integrated into a well developed line of thought.
В+	3.3	3.15 – 3.49	B+	Good performance Subject matter is generally understood at the literal level. Wide reading, critical questioning and creative insights may be absent. Prose style reveals a clear, logical, concise and coherent expression of ideas. Work displays conventional grammar, punctuation and spelling, with a minimum of errors.
В	3.0	2.85 – 3.14	В	Satisfactory performance  Note: The grade point value (3.0) associated with this grade is the minimum acceptable average that a graduate student must maintain throughout the program as computed at the end of each registration anniversary year of the program.  Subject matter is generally understood, but the work displays minimum scholarship. Some gaps in knowledge and inconsistencies in thinking may be evident. Lapses in clarity of expression and the development of a clear line of thought might be evident. Work may display consistent errors in conventional form and require heavy editing on the part of the instructor.
В-	2.7	2.50 – 2.84	B-	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies  Note: A student who receives a B- or lower in two or more courses will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average unless the program recommends otherwise. Individual programs may require a higher minimum passing grade.  Work submitted at this level lacks understanding, absence of clarity of expression or insufficient command of conventional form such that content cannot be effectively conveyed.
C+	2.3	2.15 – 2.49	C+	
С	2.0	1.85 – 2.14	С	
C-	1.7	1.50 – 1.84	C-	All grades below B- are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. A student who receives a grade of F will normally be required to withdraw unless the program recommends otherwise.
D+	1.3	1.15 – 1.49	D+	_
D	1.0	0.50 - 1.14	D	_
F	0	0.00 - 0.49	F	

## **OVERALL STUDENT GRADING IN N605**

Overall Grade	The overall grade for EACH assignment will be a calculated average of the two components identified above ( <b>Substantive Content</b> and <b>Scholarship</b> ).
Course Grade	Your <b>final grade in this course</b> will reflect the weighting of the course assignments. The critical nature of presence and participation in dialogue, the opportunity for dialectic, and the need to critical analysis of contemporary knowledge in nursing expected at the graduate level will influence the quality of your learning.
	Evaluative outcome will be presented in a <b>letter grade</b> . The letter grade will be converted to the university scale grade points x weighting factor for the assignment=weighted grade points.
	Sample:
	Letter Grade A
	Converted to 3.7 x 0.15*=0.555=0.56 [*15% is the weighting factor for the Assignment]. The final grade in the course will be a function of the calculated weighted grade and will represent your <b>Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)</b> .
	This grade is automatically graded by Blackboard – please ensure you calculate your own grade and discuss any discrepancies with faculty.

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FOR N605 STUDENTS**

- All assignments are due on a specified date but may be negotiated with the primary faculty for the course
- PLEASE SUBMIT MAJOR PAPER IN .doc FORMAT (NOT .docx)
- Submit major paper to the **DIGITAL DROPBOX** (under TOOLS in Blackboard)
- Students in N605 are expected to use APA (5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Edition) format for all written assignments.
- Please check Blackboard regularly because last minute changes/important announcements will be communicated in that way.

## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION

#### **Adapted from**

http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html August, 2010

#### Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Information (such as a phone number, addresses, tracking sites of practica, etc.) that you may be asked to provide is collected under the authority of the Universities/Colleges act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Section 32(c). It will be used for Practicum placement and for contact purposes. Your personal information is protected by Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection and Privacy Act and can be reviewed on request. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact Laura Hampson, Student Advisor at (403) 220-4636 or email: <a href="mailto:hampson@ucalgary.ca">hampson@ucalgary.ca</a>

#### **Academic Accommodation**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation, you must officially register with the Disability Resource Centre. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor within the first week of the start of this course.

Further information can be obtained at: www.ucalgary.ca/drc/ or by calling 403-220-8237.

#### Reappraisals and Appeals

Appeals initiated by all students will be governed by the University's regulations and procedures. Appeals at the Faculty level must be in writing, directed to the Dean and submitted within 15 days of the event or ruling giving rise to the appeal. Any such appeal must specify (a) exactly what is being appealed, (b) grounds for the appeal, and (c) the remedy sought. If sufficient grounds are not specified in the letter of appeal, the Chairperson of the Committee on Appeals may refuse to entertain the appeal.

#### **Academic Regulations and Integrity of Student Work**

You are expected to review the University of Calgary Calendar regarding

- **♦**Plagiarism
- ◆Cheating
- ♦Other academic misconduct and its consequences for your grade/remaining in the program.

Course standards will adhere to the University of Calgary calendar standards for:

- academic accommodation
- academic integrity
- freedom of Information and protection of privacy
- reappraisals and appeals

Extensions to assignment deadlines may be granted at the faculty discretion (decision is usually based on faculty grading workload and ability to accommodate a late submission). Extensions must be requested at least one day in advance of the due date. Assignments submitted late without an extension will be deducted at a rate of 10% per day.

Class attendance will enhance the learning and final grade achievement. The course is designed to foster a particular approach to thinking. This way of thinking requires a "shift" from the conventional/dominant ways of thinking about nursing work. The new learning is built day to day. Missing days of discussion and reading may jeopardize students' ability to grasp the conceptual framework being advanced and will detract from students' ability to engage in the ideas.

#### **Academic Misconduct**

1) Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. **Deliberate** plagiarism occurs when someone tries to pass off the work, ideas, or terms of another as his or her own. **Unintentional plagiarism** can occur when someone is unfamiliar with the proper way to cite a source or because of a lack of understanding of when a source needs to be cited. Sometimes plagiarism occurs because of sloppy note-taking that fails to distinguish between the ideas of others and the researcher's own ideas. There are many situations that result in intentional and/or unintentional plagiarism, all of which should be avoided!

#### Most commonly plagiarism exists when:

- (a) The work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test),
- (b) Parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author.
- (c) The whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or,
- (d) A student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and

conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism is an extremely serious academic offence.

It is recognized that clause (d) does not prevent a graduate student incorporating work previously done by him or her in a thesis or dissertation.

#### How Can it Be Avoided?

The best ways to avoid plagiarism are to plan ahead, stay organized, and learn to cite sources properly. Expectations at an undergraduate level are rarely that you will be coming up with your own original theories. Rather, you are usually researching the theories of others in order to familiarize yourself with the field and develop skills of critical thinking. Even at more advanced levels and for professional researchers, ideas never develop in a void. Research is always built on what came before and so the sources that gave the inspiration or background for new ideas must be credited. Many of the ideas and concepts you will include in your papers you will have found somewhere and professors will expect to see your sources credited. If you give credit properly, you will likely never find yourself in a position of having unintentionally plagiarized.

If, however, you are thinking of intentionally plagiarizing, for whatever reason, remember that the consequences are serious. If you feel you cannot complete an assignment before the due date or don't feel up to the task, see your professor in advance to deal with the situation rather than risking expulsion from the University.

- 2) Cheating is an extremely serious academic offence. Cheating at tests or examinations includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever; bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner; writing an examination or part of it, or consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so, or leaving answer papers exposed to view, or persistent attempts to read other students' examination papers.
- **3) Other academic misconduct** includes, but is not limited to, tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; failure to abide by directions by an instructor regarding the individuality of work handed in; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor; the impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment; the falsification or fabrication of clinical or laboratory reports; the non-authorized tape recording of lectures.

Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of one of these offences is also guilty of academic misconduct.

Handing in the same work for credit in two different courses without the permission of both the instructors is also considered plagiarism.