

Academic Integrity: a matter of ethics

The ethical scholar



"This information was borrowed and is not my original thought."

The ethical scholar is honest about ideas they have researched and found and admits they are not original.

"I need to remember to include this source in my citation list."

The ethical scholar is responsible with their borrowed information by giving the original author credit with a citation.

"My instructor can trust that I have included all sources that any content came from in my assignment."

The ethical scholar can submit an assignment with confidence.



The unethical scholar



"I created this idea; it came from me authentically."

The unethical scholar will attempt to pass researched information as their own, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

"If my instructor has a question about where my information came from, they can contact me."

The unethical scholar will forego a citation, creating the assumption by the reader that it is the writer's original idea.

"My instructor will not care enough to check, so I am not going to waste time trying to cite all of this information."

The unethical scholar cannot be trusted to behave with academic integrity and therefore their work cannot be respected.

Honesty

Responsibility

Trust