Academic Integrity

University of San Francisco

Student Survey

Academic Environment

Please tell us about the academic environment at USF.

1. How would you rate:	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
The severity of penalties for cheating at USF?	⊙	○	○	○	○
The average student's understanding of campus policies concerning student cheating?	⊙	○	○	○	○
The faculty's understanding of these policies?	⊙	○	○	○	○
Student support of these policies?	⊙	○	○	○	○
Faculty support of these policies?	⊙	○	○	○	○
The effectiveness of these policies?	⊙	○	○	○	○

2. Have you been informed about the academic integrity or cheating policies at USF?	Yes	No
	⊙	○

If yes, where and how much have you learned about these policies? (Check all that apply.)	Learned Little or Nothing	Learned Some	Learned A Lot
First-year orientation program.	⊙	○	○
Campus website.	⊙	○	○
Student Handbook.	⊙	○	○
Program Counselor, Residential Advisor, or Faculty Advisor.	⊙	○	○
Other students.	⊙	○	○
Faculty (e.g., discussed in class, course syllabi, or course outlines).	⊙	○	○
Teaching Assistant.	⊙	○	○
Dean or other administrator.	⊙	○	○
Other (please specify):	⊙	○	○

3. In the past year, how often, on average, did your instructors discuss policies concerning:	Never	Very Seldom	Seldom/ Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Plagiarism	⊙	○	○	○	○
Guidelines on group work or collaboration	⊙	○	○	○	○
Proper citation/referencing of written sources	⊙	○	○	○	○
Proper citation/referencing of Internet sources	⊙	○	○	○	○
Falsifying/fabricating course lab data	⊙	○	○	○	○
Falsifying/fabricating research data	⊙	○	○	○	○

4. How frequently do you think the following occur at USF?	Never	Very Seldom	Seldom/ Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Plagiarism on written assignments.	⊙	○	○	○	○
Inappropriately sharing work in group assignments.	⊙	○	○	○	○
Cheating during tests or examinations.	⊙	○	○	○	○

5. How often, if ever, have you seen another student cheat during a test or examination at USF?

Never	⊙
Once	○
A few times	○
Several times	○
Many times	○

6. Have you ever reported another student for cheating?	Yes	No
	⊙	○

Specific Behaviors

This section asks you some questions about specific behaviors that some people might consider cheating. Please remember that this survey is completely anonymous and there is no way that anyone can connect you with any of your answers.

In the RED column please mark how often, if ever, in the past year you have engaged in any of the following behaviors. If a question does not apply to any of the courses you took in the last year, please check the 'Not Relevant' column. For example, if you had no tests/exams in the last year, you would check 'Not Relevant' for questions related to tests/exams. In the BLUE column please mark how serious you think each type of behavior is.

	Never	Once	More Than Once	Not Relevant	Not Cheating	Trivial Cheating	Moderate Cheating	Serious Cheating
Fabricating or falsifying a bibliography.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Working on an assignment with others (in person) when the instructor asked for individual work.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Working on an assignment with others (via email or Instant Messaging) when the instructor asked for individual work.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Getting questions or answers from someone who has already taken a test.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
In a course requiring computer work, copying another student's program rather than writing your own.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Helping someone else cheat on a test.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Fabricating or falsifying lab data.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Fabricating or falsifying research data.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Copying from another student during a test **with** his or her knowledge.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Copying from another student during a test or examination **without** his or her knowledge	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Using digital technology (such as text messaging) to get unpermitted help from someone during a test or examination.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Receiving unpermitted help on an assignment.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Copying (by hand or in person) another student's homework.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Copying (using digital means such as Instant Messaging or email) another student's homework.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
	Never	**Once**	**More Than Once**	**Not Relevant**	**Not Cheating**	**Trivial Cheating**	**Moderate Cheating**	**Serious Cheating**
Paraphrasing or copying a few sentences from a book, magazine, or journal (not electronic or Web-based) without footnoting them in a paper you submitted.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Turning in a paper from a "paper mill" (a paper written and previously submitted by another student) and claiming it as your own work.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Paraphrasing or copying a few sentences of material from an electronic source - e.g., the Internet - without footnoting them in a paper you submitted.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Submitting a paper you purchased or obtained from a Web site (such as www.schoolsucks.com) and claimed it as your own work.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Using unpermitted handwritten crib notes	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○

	Never	Once	More Than Once	Not Relevant	Not Cheating	Trivial Cheating	Moderate Cheating	Serious Cheating
(or cheat sheets) during a test or exam.								
Using electronic crib notes (stored in PDA, phone, or calculator) to cheat on a test or exam.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Using an electronic/digital device as an unauthorized aid during an exam.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Copying material, almost word for word, from any written source and turning it in as your own work.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Turning in a paper copied, at least in part, from another student's paper, whether or not the student is currently taking the same course.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Using a false or forged excuse to obtain an extension on a due date or delay taking an exam.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Turning in work done by someone else.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○
Cheating on a test in any other way.	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	○	○	○

2. How likely is it that:	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Likely	Very Likely
You would report an incident of cheating that you observed?	⊙	○	○	○
The typical student at USF would report such violations?	⊙	○	○	○
A student would report a close friend?	⊙	○	○	○

3. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Not Sure	Agree	Agree Strongly
Cheating is a serious problem at USF.	⊙	○	○	○	○
The investigation of suspected incidents of cheating is fair and impartial at USF.	⊙	○	○	○	○
Students should be held responsible for monitoring the academic integrity of other students.	⊙	○	○	○	○
Faculty members are vigilant in discovering and reporting suspected cases of academic dishonesty.	⊙	○	○	○	○
Faculty members change exams and assignments on a regular basis.	⊙	○	○	○	○
The amount of course work I'm expected to complete is reasonable for my year level and program.	⊙	○	○	○	○
The degree of difficulty in my exams and assignments is appropriate for my year level and program.	⊙	○	○	○	○
The types of assessment used in my courses are effective at evaluating my level of understanding of course concepts.	⊙	○	○	○	○
The types of assessment used in my courses are					

effective at helping me learn course concepts.	⊙	○	○	○	○

4. If you had cheated in a course and the following individuals knew about it, how strongly would they disapprove?	Very strongly	Fairly strongly	Not very strongly	Not at all
A close friend	⊙	○	○	○
One of the students you go around with	⊙	○	○	○
Your parents	⊙	○	○	○

Demographics

1. What is your academic class standing?

1st year undergraduate (Freshman)	⊙
2nd year undergraduate (Sophomore)	○
3rd year undergraduate (Junior)	○
4th year undergraduate (Senior)	○
Graduate student	○

2. Did you enter USF in your first semester of college or as a transfer student?

First semester	⊙
Transfer	○

3. Sex:

Female	⊙
Male	○

4. In which College are you enrolled?

Arts & Sciences
Business & Management
Education
Nursing
Professional Studies

5. What is your approximate cumulative grade point average?

(A) 3.50 - 4.00	⊙
(B) 2.50 - 3.49	○
(C) 1.50 - 2.49	○
(D) 0.50 - 1.49	○
(F) 0.00 - 0.49	○

6. If you actively participate in any of the following, please tell us about how much time you spend on each activity in an average week.

	Do Not Participate	1-9 Hours	10-19 Hours	More Than 19 Hours
Paid employment	⊙	○	○	○
Caring for a dependent	⊙	○	○	○
Social fraternity/sorority/club	⊙	○	○	○

Free Response

1. What specific changes would you like to see your school take in support of academic integrity? What role should students play in this process?

2. Please use this space for any comments you care to make, or if there is anything else you would like to tell us about the topic of cheating.

Thank you for participating in this survey!

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