

## Academic Integrity Seminar

With the advent of the many corporate, athletic and governmental scandals in the last few years, it is becoming increasingly important for higher education to put more emphasis on ethics and academic integrity. The purpose of this seminar is to help educate students who have been in an academic integrity violation to exercise their “ethics muscle”. It is our hope that these exercises will encourage you to think about your values; and in the future help you use your values in making wise decisions.

You should answer each of these questions with a paragraph of at least 300 words unless instructed otherwise in the question. Where appropriate, please cite any sources that you used to support your answers.

Examine the **College of the Mainland’s Student Handbook** in the section titled *Standards of Student Conduct* which can be found at [www.com.edu/students/studenthandbook.cfm](http://www.com.edu/students/studenthandbook.cfm) and then answer the following questions.

1. How many people do you think cheat in their classes? What do you think can be done to teach integrity to all students to decrease the amount of cheating?
2. If you had to come up with a way to reduce cheating at College of the Mainland, how would you do it?
3. Think of the three values that are the most important to you. What are they? Talk about a time when any of these values helped you to make a decision. Talk about a time when you didn’t use your values to make a decision. How did you feel after the decision? What were the consequences?
4. What qualities do you look for in a friend? Why are these qualities important to you?
5. Sometimes our values come into conflict with each other (i.e. your value of doing no harm to others and your value of being truthful may come into conflict when a friend asks your opinion on something that may hurt their feelings.) Please talk about a time when two or more of your values conflicted with each other. How did you reconcile them?
6. Identify a historical or current leader that you most admire. What is it that you admire about them? What were their character flaws?
7. Why is integrity important? Do we rely on someone’s integrity every day of our lives? Give an example.
8. How do you think your professor feels about having to deal with academic integrity issues?
9. In no less than 1000 words, please explain what you have learned from this incident. What was the most powerful aspect? If you could go back to before the incident and make changes, what would you do differently? How will you avoid this type of situation in the future? If you had to tell your parents or hometown newspaper about this incident, what would you say about it? What is one piece of advice you would give to other students regarding academic integrity?