

PLAGIARISM CONTRACT

The goal of taking a college English course is to strengthen your writing skills, so you can be a successful and confident writer and thinker. You can then apply your strong writing skills to thrive in your other courses, in your career, in personal communication, and in life. Plagiarizing the work of others undermines this goal. Also, an instructor is a student's ally; an instructor's only goal is to teach and guide the student to improve and feel successful. Plagiarizing destroys the trust and the relationship between the instructor and the student.

Instructor promise: As the instructor, I promise to respect all students in the course and provide detailed and thorough comments on their writing with the goal of guiding each student with concrete and specific ways to strengthen his/her writing. Even though providing detailed feedback for each student is very time-consuming, I commit to focusing on each piece of writing and providing the best and most constructive feedback that I am able.

Student promise: As the student, I promise to turn in writing that is entirely my own and is not plagiarized or copied from another source. All the work I will submit is my own and I will properly cite all borrowed words and ideas. I also understand the repercussions if I do plagiarize: I will receive a failing grade of "F," and my name will be submitted to the dean to be added to a list of students who have been guilty of plagiarizing, and this list can be shared with my current and future instructors.

Student name:

Student signature: