RESEARCH INTEGRITY

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Research at Northern Illinois University has traditionally and routinely been performed at a high level of quality and scholarly integrity. Faculty, students, staff, and administrators accept the obligation to exercise critical self-discipline and judgment in their investigations. They respect and defend free and open inquiry by associates and strive to be objective in their professional judgment of colleagues. They practice intellectual honesty, acknowledge academic debt and scholarly assistance, and take pride in their work. They are careful to acknowledge fully and generously the published and unpublished contributions of others. They give appropriate professional recognition, including authorship credit when warranted, to the intellectual and technical contributions of students and junior associates. The University has a responsibility to provide an intellectual climate in which open inquiry can flourish. This includes the freedom to pursue research on any intellectual path. Adherence to these standards protects the integrity of the scholarly enterprise, provides a positive climate to which future generations of scholars are exposed, promotes public appreciation of intellectual pursuit, and enhances public trust in the University and its stewardship of both public and private funds.

For more information please visit the Provost’s website.
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews research proposals that involve human participants. Even projects that involve minimal involvement of human participants, such as surveys or questionnaires, require some procedural IRB review. Your department chair or director of graduate studies should have specific procedures in place for your department.

Please note, if you are continuing to analyze identifiable data that were collected at your previous institution, you are required to maintain approval at the original institution until all identifiers have been removed from the data.

In addition, ALL researchers must complete CITI training prior to beginning a study that includes human participants.

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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Good academic work must be based on honesty. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own work that which he or she has not produced is regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense. Students are considered to have cheated, for example, if they copy the work of another or use unauthorized notes or other aids during an examination or turn in as their own a paper or an assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else. Students are guilty of plagiarism, intentional or not, if they copy material from books, magazines, or other sources without identifying and acknowledging those sources or if they paraphrase ideas from such sources without acknowledging them. Students guilty of, or assisting others in, either cheating or plagiarism on an assignment, quiz, or examination may receive a grade of F for the course involved and may be suspended or dismissed from the university.

*Information obtained from the Graduate Catalog*
PLAGIARISM

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It’s simple, DO NOT plagiarize!