

Policy Change Highlights

1. Course Prerequisites

Course Descriptions in the Academic Catalog (pp. 50-62) have been updated. Starting this Fall 2016 semester, the following courses are pre-requisites for all TH- Theology, BI- Bible, OT- Old Testament, and NT- New Testament classes.

Undergraduate Courses:

RS-210 Research Writing and Technology

TH-310 Principles of Biblical Interpretation

Graduate Courses:

RS-503 Research Methods, Writing and Technology

TH-560 Hermeneutics

2. Academic Integrity

Plagiarism

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, 2nd College Edition, plagiarism is defined as “taking and using as one’s own the writings or ideas of another.”

Plagiarism includes failure to use quotation marks or other conventional markings around material quoted from another source, paraphrasing a specific passage from a source without indicating accurately what that source is, and/or letting another person compose or rewrite a student’s written assignment.

Anti-Plagiarism Software

Grace utilizes anti-plagiarism software within the Canvas LMS. Assignments submitted by students will be checked by the *Turnitin* software to look for content that is copied from other primary sources or other students’ work. Professors will then look for proper footnoted citations in Turabian format.

Falsifying Information

Falsifying information includes submitting another’s work as one’s own, or otherwise providing false or misleading documentation.

Other Forms of Academic Dishonesty

During examinations, academic dishonesty includes referring to written information not specifically permitted by the instructor or syllabus, receiving unauthorized written or oral information from a fellow student or proctor and/or stealing, buying, selling, or transmitting a copy of any examination.

Any student proven to have committed a type of academic dishonesty such as plagiarism, cheating, or falsifying information will result in disciplinary action depending on its severity and pattern. First infraction of academic integrity will result either an automatic zero for the assignment or, at the discretion of the faculty member, resubmission of the assignment with a grade reduction. Second infraction will result in automatic failure of the course. Third infraction will result in academic dismissal. After one year from the dismissal, the student may be readmitted to his or her program on the condition that any further infraction results immediate and permanent expulsion from school.

3. LOGOS

Starting this Fall 2016 semester, the LOGOS Bible software, is no longer required to be purchased for any students enrolled at Grace. Faculty is working on a list of recommended software that will include Logos. The list will be included in Canvas and accessible for students to view.