

Academic Integrity

All students are expected to abide by the Academic Integrity Policy of Rutgers. The [principles of this policy](#) require that every Rutgers University student do the following:

- properly acknowledge and cite all use of the ideas, results, or words of others
- properly acknowledge all contributors to a given piece of work
- make sure that all work submitted as his or her own in a course or other academic activity is produced without the aid of unsanctioned materials or unsanctioned collaboration
- obtain all data or results by ethical means and report them accurately without suppressing any results inconsistent with his or her interpretation or conclusions
- treat all other students in an ethical manner, respecting their integrity and right to pursue their educational goals without interference. This requires that a student neither facilitate academic dishonesty by others nor obstruct their academic progress
- uphold the canons of the ethical or professional code of the profession for which he or she is preparing

Adhering to these principles ensures the following:

- everyone is given proper credit for his or her ideas, words, results, and other scholarly accomplishments
- all student work is fairly evaluated, and no student has an inappropriate advantage over others
- the academic and ethical development of all students is fostered
- the reputation of the University for integrity in its teaching, research, and scholarship is maintained and enhanced

Failure to uphold these principles threatens both the reputation of the University and the value of the degrees awarded to its students. Details on the policy can be found [here](#).

What does this mean for Math 251?

Quizzes and exams are open notes and open book. You may not use a calculator or any other electronic aid during a quiz or exam (although calculators are allowed for homework and classwork, in fact you will need a calculator for some of the homework problems). ***Above all, all work you submit must be your own and you are not allowed to collaborate with anyone on any quiz or exam.***

What do I mean by “open notes and open book”?

- You are allowed to use *your own notes*, but not any notes belonging to anyone else.

- You are allowed to use the textbook for this course, but not any other textbook.
- In practice, you will not have time to flip through either your notes or your textbook. It is also possible that software being used to monitor exams will prevent you from accessing an electronic copy of your textbook. Therefore, **the correct resource for quizzes and exams is writing your own formula sheet.** You should prepare a page or two (maybe more for the final exam) with all of the definitions, formulas, and techniques that you think you will need.

This means that you are not allowed to do any of the following (this is not an exhaustive list):

- you may not use any technology resource which is not specifically allowed (so calculators, Matlab, Maple, Mathematica, Desmos, etc. are expressly off-limits)
- you may not use practice problems in the homework system during a quiz or exam
- you may not use any third-party software or website to solve problems for you (so Chegg et. al., Wolfram Alpha, etc. are expressly off-limits)
- you may not collaborate with any other person, including but not limited to other students, a family member, or an anonymous user on a forum or other website