Technology in the Classroom Policy

Cell Phones

Please turn off all cell phones unless you have informed me in advance that you meet one of these conditions:

- you are an EMT or firefighter
- you are the parent of a young child you must be available for
- you are waiting for an emergency call

If you are expecting a call that meets these conditions, please keep your phone on vibrate and step outside to take the call. Otherwise please put your cell phones away at the start of class and keep them away during the entire class time. Do not continually “check” your phone. Students in this class must come prepared to leave their other commitments at the door and give their attention to this seminar.

**NO TEXT MESSAGING** is permitted under any circumstances. *Any student caught using their phone except as outlined here will be marked absent for the day.*

Computers/iPads

Computers are permitted only when specifically indicated as part of the learning experience or when authorized by the Disability Resource Center for a specific disability. No one is permitted to use a computing device without express permission from the instructor for a particular class period; any permission given does not extend to the whole course or to other students.

Recording devices (tape recorders, voice recorders, LiveScribe pens)

No recording devices of any kind are permitted unless authorized in advance by the Disability Resource Center to help students with a specific disability.
Plagiarism Policy

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated at SLCC. Academic dishonesty refers to actions such as, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, having someone else do your work, copying someone else’s work, etc. and includes all situations where students make use of the work of others and claim such work as their own even though some wording, method of citation, or arrangement of evidence, ideas, or arguments have been altered. Thus, it is expected that all assigned work for this course will be entirely original. In cases of academic dishonesty, the student involved will receive a grade of “0” on the assignment for a first offense. A second offense garners a grade of “E” for the course and will be reported to the Registrar and the Office of Student Services and will go on the student’s permanent record. Please familiarize yourself with the Student Code of Conduct available at:
This document lists your rights, your full responsibilities, the penalties to be imposed if you do not follow them (especially regarding cheating and plagiarism), and recourse you may have.

Plagiarism is...

• buying a paper from a research service or term paper mill.
• having another person write a paper for you and turning it in as your work.
• turning in another student's work as your own without the student's knowledge.
• copying a paper or parts of a paper from a source text (including a website) without proper acknowledgement.
• copying materials from a source text, supplying the proper acknowledgement, but not using quotation marks (if you're using the “cut and paste” function without explicitly quoting, chances are you’re plagiarizing).
• paraphrasing materials from a source text without using proper documentation.
• turning in a paper from a "free term paper website."

Bottom line on plagiarism: It IS cheating. It is stealing -- either information or other people’s ideas or a legitimate grade. It is highly likely that your instructor, much more experienced at this than you, will catch you. Getting caught will mean an F on the assignment, and could mean an F in the course or worse. See the Student Code of Conduct for more information.

Before you are tempted to plagiarize, please come and see me for help. Advising you on your work is a much better use of my time than tracking down cheating.

Adapted from the "What is Plagiarism" webpage, Ohio University
(http://www-as.phy.ohiou.edu/~route/fall153/final_projects/plagiarism/definition.html)