

JDU Academic Integrity Statement

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Applies to: Degree Track students

Jesus Disciple University's Degree Track exists to train practitioners with academic rigor. The value of your Degree Track work — and its future transferability toward accredited degrees — depends on the integrity of that work. This statement describes what JDU expects of Degree Track students.

Original work

All written work submitted for JDU Degree Track credit must be your own original thinking and writing, produced for JDU coursework. Submitting work written by another person, purchased, or previously submitted for credit elsewhere is not acceptable.

Use of AI writing tools

AI tools (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and others) may be used as writing aids — for brainstorming, outlining, editing, or checking grammar. However:

- **The core reflection, argument, and personal insight must be yours.** JDU's reflection papers exist to develop your ability to think deeply about disciple-making practice. An AI-generated reflection defeats the purpose of the assignment.
- **Do not submit AI-generated text as if it were your own writing.** Direct-copied AI output presented as original work is not acceptable.
- **When in doubt, disclose.** If you used an AI tool substantively in producing a paper, note it briefly at the end of the paper ("I used [tool] to help outline the initial structure of this reflection"). Disclosure is not penalized.

Citations and sources

When you draw on external sources — books, articles, sermons, other authors' ideas — cite them. JDU accepts any consistent citation style (Chicago, MLA, APA, or a simple footnote format). The point is not stylistic perfection; the point is honesty about whose ideas you are engaging.

Consequences

Violations of this statement are handled by the Office of the Provost on a case-by-case basis. Possible outcomes include:

- Request to rewrite the paper (first-time, unintentional infractions)
- Zero grade on the paper (repeated or clearly intentional infractions)
- Removal from the Degree Track (severe or repeated infractions)
- Removal from JDU (in cases where integrity has been fundamentally breached)

JDU takes an educational approach where possible. A student who accidentally over-relies on AI or forgets a citation on their first paper will be coached, not penalized harshly. A student who repeatedly submits work that isn't theirs will not be part of JDU.

Questions

Contact your instructor or **admissions@jduonline.com** for any questions about this statement.

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