Academic Honesty at AU

- **Auburn Creed** *(G. Petrie 1943)*
  - “I believe in honesty and truthfulness, without which I cannot win the respect and confidence of my fellow men.”

- **AU Academic Honesty Code**
  - [AU Website ➔ Students ➔ Student Policy eHandbook](#)
  - **Types of Violations**
    - Forging/misusing documents
    - Use/provision of unauthorized materials/assistance
    - Submitting work that is not your own or taking credit for someone else’s work—*plagiarism*
    - Other instructor-specified violations
Plagiarism

- Occurs when a writer deliberately uses someone else’s **language**, **ideas**, or other **original** (not common-knowledge) **material** without **acknowledging** its source

- Resources for best practices
  - Purdue U. Online Writing Lab (OWL)
    - *Avoiding Plagiarism*
      https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/1/
  - Your instructor or supervisor
  - Your style guide
Acknowledge use of what?

- Words of others
- Ideas of others
- Information gained from interviews or correspondence
- Visual images (diagrams, charts, tables, pictures, etc.) developed by others
- Reuse or reposting of electronic media
How to acknowledge?

- For **all** of these types of borrowed information, you must **cite** your original source.

- **In addition**, you must clearly indicate when you are quoting an **exact combination of words** used by your source.
  - Short items—enclose quote in quotation marks
  - Long items—use block quote

- Consult your style guide for specific rules
How to cite sources?

- Two **mandatory** elements
  - A citation in the text that identifies the source of each borrowed item
  - A reference list that provides the information needed to find each source

- **Consistently use appropriate style**
  - Specified by instructor/supervisor
  - Chicago Manual of Style (CMS)
  - ASCE (or other) journals
  - Others (MLA, APA?)