Cocky Never Cheats: Academic Integrity & the Honor Code at USC

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Length of Presentation 50/75 minutes

Presenter Information ✓ Professional Staff
✓ Graduate Students
✓ Undergraduate Students

UNIV 101 Learning Outcomes Ia, Ic, IIIb

Abstract
The “Cocky Never Cheats: Academic Integrity & the Honor Code at USC” presentation discusses the importance of academic integrity at USC. This presentation specifically addresses the individual policies of the Honor Code, ways to avoid academic dishonesty (i.e. use of campus resources, building relationships with faculty members, etc.), and how cheating impacts the USC community, as well as an individual student's reputation and value of degree. "Cocky Never Cheats" is an interactive educational program that uses Think-Pair-Share and personal reflective activities to provide students the opportunity to think critically about decision making skills, discuss why students should not violate the honor code, and discuss how to avoid potential violations.

Presentation Learning Outcomes
As a result of this presentation, students will be able to:
- Articulate the philosophy of the University’s Honor Code, as well as its policies, procedures, and possible outcomes of violations.
- Identify and locate resources related to academic integrity.
- Evaluate the importance of academic integrity on the value of their USC degree.

Outline of Presentation
I. Introduction
   a. Discussion of the first tenet of the Carolinian Creed
   b. Discussion of the Honor Code
   c. Differences between the Carolinian Creed and the Honor Code

II. Ways students can prevent cheating and “gray areas” of cheating

III. Academic integrity referral process

IV. Impact of academic dishonesty on a student’s education and career

V. Activity - Choose your own adventure (case studies and small group discussion used)

VI. Assessment