

BREACH OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

According to Senate rules, all occasions of academic dishonesty must be reported to the Executive Director of Residential Living and Leadership, together with a statement of the penalty imposed by the faculty member. If, in the opinion of the Executive Director of Residential Living and Leadership, other problems of a personal or an emotional nature are present, a referral to the Center for Student Health Services will be made.

Cheating is officially defined as giving or attempting to give, or obtaining or attempting to obtain, information relative to an examination or other work that the student is expected to do alone and not in collaboration with others, or the use of material or information restricted by the instructor. Each instructor will indicate beforehand work that may be done in collaboration with other students. Examples of cheating include but are not limited to copying from another person during an examination, using materials not allowed by the instructor during an examination, collaboration on a take-home examination or other assignments where it has been expressly prohibited by the instructor, and the submission of a laboratory report based on data not obtained by the student in the manner indicated by the instructor. The person who provides illicit information is liable to the same punishment as the person who receives and uses it.

A "Zero," or whatever is the equivalent of the lowest failing grade possible, shall be assigned for that piece of work to any student cheating on a non-final examination or other class assignment. A "Zero," or whatever is the equivalent of the lowest failing grade possible, shall be assigned on a final examination to any student cheating on a final examination. An "F" shall also be assigned as the course grade to any student cheating on a comprehensive final examination.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is no lesser an offense than cheating. Examples of plagiarism as stated in The Modern Language Association *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* include but are not limited to repeating another's sentences as your own, adopting a particularly apt phrase as your own, paraphrasing someone else's argument as your own, and presenting someone else's line of thinking in the development of a thesis as though it were your own. A "Zero," or whatever is the equivalent of the lowest failing grade possible, shall be assigned for that piece of work to any student plagiarizing on a non-final piece of work. In the case of a student plagiarizing on a final research paper or project, an "F" shall also be assigned as the course grade.

Repeated Offenses of Plagiarism and Cheating

For repeated or aggravated offenses of cheating and or plagiarism, additional action, including dismissal from the University, may be taken pursuant to the Student Handbook procedures related to the University Judicial System and the disciplinary sanctions for violation of University regulations.

Other Breaches of Academic Integrity

Other examples of what might constitute a breach of academic integrity include, but are not limited to, the following: bribes, favors or threats with the intent of influencing a grade or any other evaluation of academic performance; taking an examination for another student; and grade tampering.

Grievance Procedure

If the student objects to the instructor's conclusion that a breach of academic integrity has occurred, the student may consult the University Ombudsman and/or appeal the instructor's conclusion through the instructor's department chair to the Dean or to the Dean's designee(s) of the college in which the course is offered, within 20 days of the time that the student receives written notification of the instructor's conclusion. A copy of the notification will be filed with the Director of Residential Living and Leadership. Due process requirements for a fair hearing shall be provided to all parties. The record of the hearing before the Dean or the Dean's designee(s) shall consist of written statements of the instructor and student in support of their positions provided prior to the hearing and a tape recording or transcript of the hearing itself. An appeal of the decision of the Dean's or the Dean's designee(s) may be made within 10 days of the decision by written appeal to the University Student Grievance Committee. In the event of an appeal, the Dean shall transmit the decision to the University Student Grievance Committee, and if the Dean's designee(s) rendered the decision, the Dean shall indicate whether or not he or she agrees with the decision.