

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Dishonesty within the academic community is a very serious matter, because dishonesty destroys the basic trust necessary for a healthy educational environment. Academic dishonesty is any treatment or representation of work as if one were fully responsible for it, when it is in fact the work of another person. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, plagiarism, theft, or improper manipulation of laboratory or research data or theft of services. A substantiated case of academic dishonesty may result in disciplinary action, including a failing grade on the project, a failing grade in the course, or expulsion from the College.

If a substantiated case of academic dishonesty results in a failing grade in the course, a student who chooses to withdraw from the course will receive a grade of "F."

In cases of suspected academic dishonesty, the instructor is advised to consult with his or her chair and, if deemed necessary, with the Dean of the Faculty. If it is determined that academic dishonesty has occurred, it is the responsibility of the instructor to notify the Dean of the Faculty and the Dean of Student Life of any penalties which have been applied. Those offices will keep a record which may guide action in case of another offense in the future.