

# ACADEMIC HONESTY



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## A Culture of Honesty: UGA Academic Honesty Policy

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### What is academic honesty?

Academic honesty is broadly defined as performing all academic work without plagiarism, cheating, lying, tampering, stealing, giving or receiving unauthorized assistance, or using any source of information that is not common knowledge without appropriate attribution to a source.

### Who is covered by this policy?

Each University of Georgia student must agree to abide by the Student Honor Code when applying for admission. In addition, students have a responsibility to read and comply with the university's academic honesty policy, *A Culture of Honesty*.

*A Culture of Honesty* provides the exclusive procedures for handling matters related to student academic dishonesty at UGA. Academic honesty issues are private matters between the instructor, the student, and the Office of Instruction.

*A Culture of Honesty* may be found at [www.honesty.uga.edu](http://www.honesty.uga.edu)

### Procedures for suspected academic dishonesty:

- 1 Allow the student to continue to complete all required academic work—including the work in question—and evaluate and grade all work except the assignment involved in the allegation of possible dishonesty.
- 2 Take reasonable measures to maintain or restore the integrity of an exam or other academic assignment.
- 3 Complete the **Report of Possible Academic Dishonesty Form** (see [honesty.uga.edu](http://honesty.uga.edu)) and submit to the Director of Academic Honesty.
- 4 File the report no later than 15 days from the date the possible dishonesty is discovered.
- 5 Refrain from discussing the report with the student until a facilitator is available.
- 6 The director will notify the student by email and provide him/her with a copy of the instructor's report. The instructor who reports the matter will be copied on the notification.
- 7 The director will schedule a meeting for the student and instructor to discuss the issue with the assistance of a trained facilitator. The goal of the meeting will be a mutually agreeable outcome.
- 8 Bring all relevant material to the facilitated discussion.
- 9 If the term ends before the matter is resolved, assign the student a final course grade of "I."

Approximately  
**95%**  
of all academic dishonesty reports are resolved in a facilitated discussion.

### May I just handle this on my own?

To protect the interests and rights of the instructor and student(s), instructors have a responsibility to report the possible academic dishonesty and to follow the procedures approved by the university.

### What happens if the matter is unresolved in the facilitated discussion?

If you and the student are unable to reach an agreement, an Academic Honesty Panel of faculty and students will be scheduled to determine the outcome. The instructor must demonstrate that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred for an Academic Honesty Panel to find the student in violation.



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## Facilitated Discussion Model for Resolving Academic Honesty Issues

