A Culture of Honesty: UGA Academic Honesty Policy

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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) 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.

Facilitated Discussion Model for Resolving Academic Honesty Issues

Sanctions:

Level 1 – Determined by instructor & student (*Subject to student’s 5-day right of rescission)

Level 2 – 0 on assignment(s) & at least one of the following:
  • "F" in course
  • Transcript notation
  • Suspension from UGA
  • Dismissal from UGA
  • Expulsion

Level 3 – Transcript notation & one of the following:
  • Expulsion
  • Dismissal from UGA
  • Suspension from UGA

LEVEL 1: Instructor/Student Facilitated Discussion

Possible Dishonesty Reported to the Office of the VP for Instruction

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Alligation Dismissed (No violation)

Dishonesty & Sanction(s) Agreement *

Dishonesty – No Sanction Agreement

No Agreement or Student Rescinds

LEVEL 2: Instructor/Student Continued Discussion with Academic Honesty Panel

Alligation Dismissed (No violation)

Dishonesty Confirmed & Sanction Assigned

Level 3: Subsequent Violation Acknowledged or Confirmed at Levels 1 and/or 2. Student Required to Meet with Multiple Violations Review Board

Appeal to Vice Provost

Decision Upheld

Appeal to USG Board of Regents

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