

Academic Honesty Policy – UAC0031

Purpose/Introduction/Background

Rush University students and faculty belong to an academic community with high scholarly standards and one that is committed to honesty and integrity in teaching, learning and research. Academic honesty violations are serious breaches of trust that hinder the success that the Rush academic community depends upon. The Rush University Academic Honesty Policy provides information on the types of behavior that violation this trust and the actions that will be taken to safeguard and restore it.

Definition of Terms:

Academic Misconduct refers to any academic behavior that is in violation of the policy stated below.

Plagiarism refers to any attempt by students to use the work, words or ideas of others without proper attribution, or any attempt to pass off the work, words or ideas of others as their own. Such acts are considered plagiarism whether they occur intentionally, Acts of plagiarism include but are not limited to:

- Presenting any phrase or extracts, verbatim, without using quotation marks and without any reference to the author
- Paraphrasing all or part of an author's work and presenting it without any, or with inadequate, reference to the author
- Copying or paraphrasing all or part of another student's work or otherwise presenting another student's work as their own

Collusion is an agreement or cooperation in order to cheat or deceive for a fraudulent purpose. Collusion applies to students (past, present and future) who intentionally cooperate in order to gain an unfair advantage in the gaining of an award, qualification, or grade,

Cheating is using unauthorized materials, including electronic devices, or obtaining unauthorized help from another person in any work submitted for academic credit

Fabrication is inventing information or citations in an academic or clinical exercise

Facilitating academic dishonesty is providing unauthorized material or information to another person

Unauthorized examination behavior for example, conversing with another person, passing or receiving material to/from another person, temporarily leaving an examination site to visit an unauthorized site or without permission, or manipulating the physical or electronic testing

environment to unfair advantage. These examples are not inclusive of all possible unauthorized examination behaviors.

Disciplinary Action:

Disciplinary actions will be imposed by the program/college including but not limited to warning, probation, suspension or expulsion from the University on those members of the learning community who violate the Academic Honesty Policy.

Examples of conduct that would subject a student to disciplinary action include but are not limited to:

All forms of academic dishonesty including but not limited to: cheating; plagiarism; collusion; gaining or seeking unfair advantage in relation to any work submitted; helping others to gain an unfair advantage; removing examination materials from a secure examination area; the unauthorized downloading or copying of examinations that are given on-line; fabricating assigned academic work, including clinical assessments, and presenting them as authentic; facilitating academic dishonesty; unauthorized examination behavior.

Policy Statement:

Academic honesty violations are counter to the Rush ICare core values of innovation, collaboration, accountability, respect and excellence. As essential as academic honesty is to the trust that is fundamental to the educational process, academic dishonesty violates one of the most basic ethical principles of an academic community and will result in sanctions imposed under the University's disciplinary system.

Procedures:

Student

- Reviews the procedures specific to each college related to student misconduct, academic dishonesty, and the student appeals process; and
- Reports acts of misconduct to the appropriate faculty or administrator

College

- Follows its established student academic honesty policy

Additional Links:

[RUMC Code of Conduct](#)

[Rush Honor Code](#)

[Student Complaint Policy](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)