

STATEMENT ON INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

The academic standards and reputation of a university are a shared responsibility of the faculty and students. Intellectual honesty is a cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is a condition of continued membership in the university community.

Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms. For example, the unacknowledged use of the ideas or published material of others constitutes plagiarism. While much academic work must involve the consideration of ideas and material originally conceived or made accessible by others, there is a significant difference between an acknowledged restatement of such ideas and materials after intelligent assimilation, and the intentional, unacknowledged reproduction of them. Other examples of intellectual dishonesty are cheating on exams, aiding and abetting cheating, the use of essays prepared by other persons, a falsification of laboratory results, impersonation of another student at an examination, misrepresentation of information on and the falsification of academic records.

Academic Discipline

Sanctions imposed by the University for intellectual dishonesty may include a simple warning, reassessment of the work, failure on the particular assignment, failure in the course, denial of admission or readmission, forfeiture of university financial aid, and suspension or expulsion from the University.

In deciding on the appropriate sanction to be imposed for an act violating intellectual honesty, consideration will be given to all relevant matters including the extent of the dishonesty, the inadvertent or the deliberate character of the dishonesty, the importance of the work in question as a course component, whether the act in question is an isolated incident or part of repeated acts of academic dishonesty, and to any mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

Procedures to be followed by university authorities or by a student wishing to initiate an appeal in a case of academic discipline are detailed in the University's Policies and Procedures Manual. Copies of the procedures are available from the Office of the Registrar.