

Academic Honesty

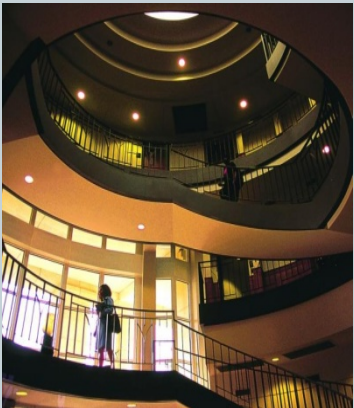


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Overview



- **University of Arkansas Principles**
- **Code of Student Life**
- **Judicial System**
- **Academic Integrity Policy**
- **Referral Process for Instructors**
- **Consequences for Academic Dishonesty**
- **Student Rights**



ACADEMIC
DISHONESTY

JUDICIAL
TRENDS

03-04 81

04-05 88

05-06 147

06-07 115

07-08 123

PRINCIPLES of the UNIVERSITY

INTEGRITY

We uphold and respect principles of truth and justice.

MUTUAL RESPECT

We benefit from the diversity of individual differences.

INQUIRY

We strive for life-long learning through continuous examination of our beliefs, philosophies, and theories.

CITIZENSHIP

We seek to be involved in the University and the surrounding communities.

CONNECTION

We build connections with the University and the community.



Code of Student Life



- **The Code of Student Life defines conduct that is incompatible with the values of the University community. When a complaint or report of misconduct is received, the disciplinary process is initiated.**
- **There are a total of 36 different policies outlined in the Code of Student Life.**
- **Copies of the Code of Student Life can be located at the Residence Halls, Arkansas Union, Office of the Dean of Students, OCSSE, and on-line at:
<http://www.uark.edu/ua/uaproduct/handbook/>.**

Purpose of a Student Judicial System



- To support the University of Arkansas mission by promoting a safe and orderly community through the education of students, the enforcement of behavioral standards, peer mentoring, and leadership development. Our mission is to aid in the development of student ethics that embrace the norms and values that are outlined in the University of Arkansas Code of Student Life.

<http://www.uark.edu/ua/ethics/>

Academic Dishonesty Defined



- Academic Dishonesty involves acts that may subvert or compromise the integrity of the educational process. Academic Dishonesty includes any act by which a student gains or attempts to gain an academic advantage for himself, herself or another by misrepresenting his or her work, or by interfering with the completion, submission or evaluation of work

Discovering an Act of Academic Dishonesty



DURING AN EXAM

- Stop the behavior
- Confiscate evidence (if any)
- Identify involved students
- **Allow students to complete the exam**

COPYING/COLLABORATION

- Speak to students individually
- Attempt to locate original source

Students have the right to remain enrolled in the course as normal until the pending matter is resolved.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

Reporting an Act of Academic Dishonesty



You have 5 days to do one of the following:

Option A

- Implement a Grade Sanction
- Inform the Student
- Inform OCSSE
- Inform the Graduate School if applicable (Dr. Pat Koski)

Option B

- Request a Hearing
- Inform the Student
- Inform OCSSE
- Inform the Graduate School if applicable (Dr. Pat Koski)

If a student appeals under Option A or if a matter is referred under Option B, OCSSE will contact you and request that you issue an “Incomplete” until the matter is resolved so that the student will not be penalized without first having been afforded due process.

Option A: Implement a Grade Sanction



- Talk to the student(s); discuss the evidence and ask for more information.
- Tell the student you are imposing a grade sanction.
- Allow the student(s) to continue their course work!
- Inform OCSSE (& Graduate School if applicable).
- The student meets with a Hearing Officer and has the right to contest the charges through a hearing with the All-University Judicial Board.

Option B: Request a Hearing



- Talk to the student(s); discuss the evidence and ask for more information.
- Tell the student you are referring the case to OCSSE for adjudication.
- Allow the student(s) to continue their course work!
- Inform OCSSE (& Graduate School).
- The student meets with a hearing officer or AUJ: responsibility and sanctions are determined.

Sanctions



Grade Sanctions are at the instructors' discretion and may include:

- Redoing the assignment.
- Lowering the grade on the assignment (down to a "0").
- Lowering the grade in the course (as much as an "F").

The AUJ board or hearing officer may recommend grade sanctions or impose:

- Reprimand
- Educational sanctions
- Conduct Probation
- Disciplinary Probation
- Suspension
- Expulsion

And then what happens. . .



- ◎ **Student signs a statement**
 - That they have read and understand the academic policies
 - That they understand a second violation will likely result in a suspension from U of A

- ◎ **With instructor permission we may require the student to take our “SEEC” or “Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism” course as an educational sanction.**

Other Outcomes:



- **After the case is resolved . . .**
 - Student's found in violation are not allowed to receive grade forgiveness for the course.
 - The student not be allowed to withdraw from the course (to avoid a grade sanction)

STUDENT DUE PROCESS RIGHTS



Students are guaranteed the following rights:

- Written notification
- Accept responsibility or appeal matter within 5 business days of OCSSE's notification
- Review all relevant evidence
- Not to attend a hearing
- Advisor
- Present witnesses, testimony, and evidence
- Appeal decision
- *Undergraduate Academic Appeals Process*

Tips for Faculty/Instructors



- Include a statement in your class syllabus
- Discuss Academic Dishonesty with class at the beginning of the academic year
- Provide alternate forms of exam to prevent copying
- Have students sign an honor code before taking a test
- Invite PEERs to conduct a presentation on AD
- Provide adequate proctoring of exams
- Explain and define collaboration
- Always meet with the student after discovery of dishonesty
- Document in a timely fashion
- The Academic Honesty policy and regulations are on line at http://catalogofstudies.uark.edu/current/studies/06_Acad_Reg.pdf

Questions?

