

DRAFT – Proposed Modifications

UCAP 4/05

INTEGRITY OF SCHOLARSHIP AND GRADES

(All-University Policy)

The following statement of University policy was approved by the Academic Council and the Academic Senate, and serves as the definitive statement of principle and procedure to be used in instances of academic dishonesty.

1. The principles of truth and honesty are recognized as fundamental to a community of teachers and scholars. The University expects that both faculty and students will honor these principles and in so doing protect the validity of University grades. This means that all academic work will be done by the student to whom it is assigned, without unauthorized aid of any kind. (See *General Student Regulation 1.00, Scholarship and Grades*, for specific regulations.)
Instructors, for their part, will exercise care in the planning and supervision of academic work, so that honest effort will be positively encouraged.
2. If any instance of academic dishonesty is discovered by an instructor, it is his or her responsibility to take appropriate action. Depending on his or her judgment of the particular case, he or she may give the student a penalty grade, including, but not limited to, a failing grade to the student on the assignment or for the course. If the failing grade is given for the course only for academic dishonesty, the instructor may assign the AD grade which appears on the student transcript as a specific denotation of failure because of academic dishonesty
3. In instances where a **either a failing or AD** grade in a course is given ~~only~~ for academic dishonesty, the instructor will notify the student's academic dean in writing of the circumstances.
4. The student who receives ~~a~~ **either a failing or AD grade** based on a charge of academic dishonesty may appeal a judgment made by a department, school, or a college. Refer to *Academic Freedom for Students at Michigan State University, Section 2.4.7 and 4.5.4*.
5. When in the judgment of the academic dean, action other than, or in addition to, ~~a~~ **either a failing grade or AD grade** is warranted, the dean will refer the case to the college-level hearing board which shall have original jurisdiction. In cases of ambiguous jurisdiction, the appropriate judiciary will be randomly selected by the assistant provost from one of the three core colleges. Appeals from the judgment may be made to the All-University Academic Integrity Review Board.

Refer to *Academic Freedom for Students at Michigan State University*, Section [2.4.7](#) and [4.5.4](#).

6. In instances of academic dishonesty where the instructor feels that action other than, or in addition to, a failing grade in the course is warranted, the instructor will report the case to his or her departmental or school chairperson and to the student's academic dean. The dean will then refer the case to the college-level hearing board, which shall have original jurisdiction. Refer to *Academic Freedom for Students at Michigan State University*, Section [2.4.7](#) and [4.5.4](#).

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