

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

## PRINCIPLES

The principles of **academic honesty** and **academic integrity** are fundamental to a community of scholars. The University expects that students will not engage in acts of academic dishonesty in curricular and non-curricular academic activities. Engaging in academic dishonesty compromises the integrity of university grades, scholarship, and research.

**Academic dishonesty** is defined as actions or behaviors that misrepresent one's contributions to or the results of any scholarly product submitted for credit, evaluation, or dissemination, including but not limited to:

FABRICATION

FALSIFICATION

CHEATING

PLAGIARISM

## RESPONSIBILITY

It is the **instructor's responsibility** to establish a classroom atmosphere that fosters academic honesty on the part of the students. There are also expectations for response to academic dishonesty.

If any instance of academic dishonesty is discovered by an instructor, they must notify the student and discuss the incident. After discussing the instance with the student, the instructor will make a decision. Depending on the instructor's judgment of the particular case, they may:

DO  
NOTHING

IMPOSE  
ADDITIONAL  
COURSE  
REQUIREMENTS

ASK STUDENT  
TO REPEAT  
THE WORK IN  
QUESTION

GIVE A FAILING  
GRADE FOR  
ASSIGNMENT, EXAM,  
OR ENTIRE COURSE

## REPORTING

Any time an instructor addresses a violation of academic honesty with a failing grade on an assignment or in a course, they must **report the incident** at [gvsu.edu/conduct](https://gvsu.edu/conduct). Other incidents may be reported for tracking purposes. Reporting the incident will notify the Dean(s) of the instructional Colleges, the Department Chair, the Dean of Students Office, and the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Reporting the incident does not automatically initiate additional action, but keeps record of the incident. Students may utilize the Academic Grievance Process to appeal a faculty initiated decision. View more of the Academic Grievance Policy at [gvsu.edu/policies](https://gvsu.edu/policies).

When the instructor feels that action beyond a failing course grade is warranted, the instructor must report the incident at [gvsu.edu/conduct](https://gvsu.edu/conduct) and request additional action via the University Conduct Process. Student Conduct recognizes that issues may arise when students make choices that conflict with the values and policies of the University. We work with students to address these issues, while focusing on repairing harm and identifying what may be causing the behavior.

**The foundation of our process is rooted in education and restorative justice.**