

Academic Integrity Form and Information for Students

The Pennsylvania State University

The Penn State student code of conduct includes a section entitled Violations of Academic Integrity. When a faculty member believes that a student has engaged in behavior included in this code, they are both required to participate in the academic integrity process as outlined in the G-9 procedures designed by the Faculty Senate. The code of conduct may be found at studentaffairs.psu.edu/conduct. G-9 Procedures are located at <https://undergrad.psu.edu/aappm/G-9-academic-integrity.html>.

Information for Student: (please note that this is a two-page document)

A faculty member/instructor has alleged that you have participated in behavior which violates Code #10: Violations of Academic Integrity of the University's code of conduct. Following these instructions is a form where the faculty has identified the concerning behavior. They will also share with you any supportive documentation which led to the allegation. Also listed on the form is an academic sanction that the faculty member believes appropriate for the behavior. An academic sanction is a penalty that could affect either a specific assignment, test, or project or may affect the overall final grade for the work.

It is important that throughout this process you continue to participate in the class until your case is closed. Students are not permitted to drop a course once an allegation has been made that an academic integrity violation occurred. If you are a student in the Schreyer Honors College, you should consult the College guidelines concerning academic integrity violations. The Schreyer Honors College may impose additional sanctions on its students. The Schreyer Honors College policies concerning academic integrity can be found at <https://www.shc.psu.edu/academics/index.cfm>.

As a participant in the academic integrity process, you have the right to:

- Discuss your view of the incident with the faculty member
- Review all evidence and documentation which supports the allegation
- Seek advice from an advisor chosen by you who is an administrative, faculty or student member of the University community
- Receive a completed copy of the Academic Integrity Form that indicates both the alleged violation(s) and the recommended sanction(s)
- *Not* sign the Academic Integrity Form by the deadline below; however, if you do not sign and return the form, the adjudication process will go forward following campus or college procedures

Upon receipt of the form, you have five (5) business days to:

1. Accept the allegation(s) and academic sanction(s), or
2. Contest the allegation(s) and/or academic sanction(s)

If you accept the allegation(s) and academic sanction(s), your case is closed **unless** you have previous academic integrity violations, in which case the sanction(s) that you received may increase after the campus or college Academic Integrity Committee reviews the case. If a sanction is changed due to a prior academic integrity violation, you will be issued a new Academic Integrity Form and you will have the opportunity again to accept or contest the allegation(s) as well as the increase in sanction(s). If you choose again to accept, your case will be closed.

If you contest the allegation(s) and/or academic sanction(s), your case will be reviewed by the campus or college Academic Integrity Committee in accordance with its specific procedures. You will be able to provide to the campus or college committee your view of what occurred, as well as question and respond to all information provided in support of the allegation. If this review finds you responsible for committing an academic integrity violation, the academic sanction recommended by the Academic Integrity Committee will be imposed. You can appeal the sanction **only** when the academic sanction assigned is a dismissal from your academic program.

Conduct sanction(s):

On occasion, due to the seriousness of the alleged violation, an Academic Integrity Committee may determine that, in addition to any academic sanctions, conduct sanctions should be considered. In that case, at the conclusion of the college or campus committee process, the case will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct or OSC designee. Conduct sanctions include Conduct Warning, Conduct Probation, Conduct Suspension, Indefinite Expulsion or Expulsion; or the "XF" transcript notation. Conduct sanction(s) are assigned by the Office of Student Conduct. You may review its process at studentaffairs.psu.edu/conduct.

You are encouraged to read Faculty Senate policy 49-20: Academic Integrity (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/47-00-48-00-and-49-00-grades/#49-20>) and the G-9 Academic Integrity procedure (<https://undergrad.psu.edu/aappm/G-9-academic-integrity.html>).

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To be completed by the instructor:

1. Student name and email address

2. Student ID number

3. Instructor name and email address

4. Course, section, and semester of incident

5. Campus location

6. Circle one: Classroom instruction Web Based: World Campus Non-World Campus

7. Description of the alleged violation(s) (please attach supporting documentation):

8. Proposed academic sanction(s):

If you have questions about sanctions, please contact your College/Campus academic integrity administrator/chair to discuss.

Read and sign. I have discussed, either orally or in writing, the allegations(s), sanction(s) and all related evidence with the student.

Educator Name

Date

To be completed by the student

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

I understand my rights and responsibilities as described on Page 1, the Student Information page.

I understand that once I have been notified of allegation(s) of a violation of academic integrity, I cannot withdraw from this course unless I am found **not responsible** in this process.

I understand that a student found in violation of academic integrity is ineligible for appointment to the Dean's List for the semester or, for part-time students, the 12-credit cumulative period, during which the violation occurred per policy G-8: Dean's List (<https://undergrad.psu.edu/aappm/G-8-deans-list.html>).

I understand that I have the right to accept or contest the allegation(s) and sanction(s) assigned by the instructor.

I understand that if I choose to contest the allegation(s) or sanction(s), the outcome of the process will be decided by an Academic Integrity Committee that will determine the final sanction(s) if I am found responsible.

I understand that if I am a member of the Schreyer Honors College, the College will be notified if I am found responsible for an academic integrity violation.

I understand that I have five (5) business days to decide if I wish to accept or contest the allegation(s) and/or sanction(s) by returning a completed Academic Integrity Form to my instructor. If I do not respond within that period, the case will continue as if I chose not to contest the allegation(s) and sanction(s).

I understand that I may be subject to additional sanctions not identified on this form if it is determined that I have prior academic integrity violations.

PLEASE CHOOSE AND INITIAL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

____ I ACCEPT the allegation(s) and sanction(s) ____ I CONTEST the allegation(s) and/or sanction(s) and wish to exercise my right to a review.

Student Name

Date