Academic Integrity

**Academic Integrity**, according to the Penn State Principles and University Code of Conduct, is:

"A basic guiding principle for all academic activity at Penn State University, allowing the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest, and responsible manner. In accordance with the University’s Code of Conduct, you must not engage in or tolerate academic dishonesty. This includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, fabrication of information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person, or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students."

The College of IST is committed to maintaining academic integrity in this and all other courses it offers. IST takes academic integrity matters seriously. Academic integrity - scholarship free of fraud and deception - is an important educational objective of Penn State. Academic dishonesty can lead to a failing grade or referral to the [Office of Judicial Affairs](http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/) [1]. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating
- plagiarism
- fabrication of information or citations
- facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others
- unauthorized prior possession of examinations
- submitting the work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor and securing written approval
- tampering with the academic work of other students

In cases where academic integrity is questioned, [Penn State’s policy on academic integrity](http://www.psu.edu/dept/oue/aappm/G-9.html) [2] requires that the instructor give the student notice of the charge as well as the recommended sanction. Procedures allow the student to accept or contest the charge through discussions with the instructor. If a student chooses to contest, the case will then be managed by the respective College or Campus Academic Integrity Committee. If a disciplinary sanction also is recommended, the case will be referred to the [Office of Judicial Affairs](http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/) [1].

All Penn State colleges abide by this Penn State policy, but review procedures vary by college when academic dishonesty is suspected. Information about Penn State’s academic integrity policy and college review procedures is included in the information students receive upon enrolling in a course.

Additionally, students enrolled at Penn State are expected to act with civility and personal integrity; respect other students’ dignity, rights, and property; and help create and maintain an environment in which all can succeed through the fruits of their own efforts. An environment of academic integrity is requisite to respect for self and others, and a civil community.

For more information on academic integrity at Penn State, please visit one of the following URLs:

- [http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/](http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/) [1]

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