

ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY

Quick Reference Guide for Students - Navigating an Allegation of Misconduct



Initial Discovery

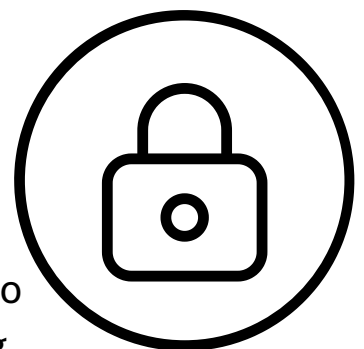
Instructor consults Office of Faculty Development & Advancement to check for prior violations.

Instructor contacts student via email or private discussion to share evidence and discuss allegation.

Administrative Rule

Enrollment is “Locked”

Students should continue in the course in question during the entire process. While an allegation is in process or when a student is “responsible” for an Academic Honor violation, they are not permitted to withdraw or drop the course or request the grading basis be changed.



First-Time, Non-Egregious Offenses

Three Options for Resolution

Student Instructor Resolution

Student accepts responsibility and agrees to the instructor’s sanction.

Disputing the Sanction(s)

Student accepts responsibility but contests the instructor’s proposed academic sanction(s).

Hearing Referral

Student denies responsibility, referring the case to an Academic Honor hearing or Administrative Case Resolution meeting.

Second+ Offenses or Egregious Violations

What Qualifies as Egregious?

Examples are coercing others to provide exam questions or answers; operating organized scheme to violate the Academic Honor Policy; violating the Academic Honor Policy while fulfilling a graduate program milestone.

Direct to Hearing Process

Bypasses Student Instructor Resolution and moves to formal hearing before panel of two faculty and two students or an Administrative Case Resolution with an academic administrator.

10 Day Decision Window to Choose Your Resolution Path

Students have 10 class days to review the evidence and decide on their resolution pathway.

Records

A record results from a finding of “responsible” from all the resolution routes. Records are kept in a confidential database and are generally expunged after 5 years. Students who have a single violation and are within one year from graduating may be eligible for early expungement.

RESOURCES

Visit www.academicintegrity.fsu.edu for more information.

The University Student Ombuds Office provides a safe, confidential spot to seek advice and ask questions about the Academic Honor Policy - www.studentombuds.fsu.edu