

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 8-06

(Voting Units: Academic Departments)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Academic integrity and honesty are central components of a student's education, and the ethical conduct maintained in an academic context will be taken eventually into a student's professional career. Academic honesty is essential in a community of scholars searching and learning to search for truth. Anything less than total commitment to honesty undermines the efforts of the entire academic community. Both students and faculty are responsible for insuring the academic integrity of the university.

This policy applies to the academic conduct of all persons at Michigan Technological University who have ever matriculated at the University, whether or not the person is enrolled at the time an allegation of academic dishonesty is made.

This policy addresses academic dishonesty in course work. Allegations of dishonesty in research or publication are addressed under the Scientific Misconduct Policy.

Procedures to ensure fairness and due process for all parties involved in any apparent violation of the Academic Integrity Policy will be developed, and periodically reviewed, by the Dean of Students Office in consultation with the members of the Academic Integrity Committee appointed by the University Senate.

I. Definition of Academic Dishonesty.

Plagiarism: Knowingly copying another's work or ideas and calling them one's own or not giving proper credit or citation. This includes but is not limited to reading or hearing another's work or ideas and using them as one's own; quoting, paraphrasing, or condensing another's work without giving proper credit; purchasing or receiving another's work and using, handling, or submitting it as one's own work.

Cheating: Intentional, unauthorized use of any study aids, equipment, or another's work during an academic exercise. This includes but is not limited to unauthorized use of notes, study aids, electronic or other equipment during an examination; copying or looking at another individual's examination; taking or passing information to another individual during an examination; taking an examination for another individual; allowing another individual to take one's examination; stealing examinations. All graded academic exercises are expected to be performed on an individual basis unless otherwise stated by the instructor. An academic exercise may not be submitted by a student for course credit in more than one course without the permission of all instructors.

Fabrication: Intentional and/or unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation during an academic exercise. This includes but is not limited to changing or adding an answer on an examination and resubmitting it to change the grade; inventing data for a laboratory exercise or report.

Facilitating Academic Dishonesty: Knowingly or recklessly allowing or helping another individual to plagiarize, cheat, or fabricate information.

II. Sanctions Under the Academic Integrity Policy.

Academic Integrity Warning: An official written warning that further violations of the Academic Integrity Policy will result in a more severe sanction.

Academic Integrity Censure: A more severe sanction than a warning, which may be used when the person who violates the academic integrity policy is not enrolled in the course where the violation occurs.

Grade Reduction in the Course. The course grade is lowered one whole letter grade.

Special Failing Grades of F, E* and U**

- a. A student receives a grade of F*. If the student has not completed an educational assignment within the time specified in the disciplinary decision, an asterisk is added to the F grade and the transcript reads "failure due to academic dishonesty". Students with an F* remaining on their transcripts may not serve as an officer of any recognized student organization, nor represent the university in events external to the university, including varsity sports, student contests and competitions, and similar events.
- b. A student receives a grade of E* for pass/fail courses or U* for audited courses. These grades will be administered in the same manner as a grade of F*.

Suspension: A sanction of Suspension terminates the person's status as an enrolled student for an indefinite period of time and prohibits the student from attending classes. Reinstatement and conditions for reinstatement, if any, shall depend upon an evaluation by the Dean of Students following an application for reinstatement by the student.

Expulsion: A sanction of Expulsion terminates the person's status as an enrolled student with no opportunity for reinstatement. Expulsion which results from a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy is listed as such on the student's academic transcript.

Special Conditions: All students receiving sanctions ranging from Academic Integrity Warning to Suspension will also be required to complete an educational assignment on ethics and integrity assigned in the disciplinary decision letter.

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