



## Policy

<b>Title</b>	<b>Academic Honesty</b>	
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Applies To		
Purpose	<p><b><u>Purpose:</u></b></p> <p>Rush University students and faculty belong to an academic community with high scholarly standards and one that is committed to honesty and integrity in teaching, learning, and research. Academic honesty violations are serious breaches of trust that hinder the success that the Rush academic community depends upon. The Rush University Academic Honesty Policy provides information on the types of behavior that violates this trust and the actions that will be taken to safeguard and restore it.</p>	
Executive Summary		
Definitions	<p><b><u>Definitions:</u></b></p> <p><b>Academic Misconduct</b> refers to any academic behavior that is in violation of the policy stated below.</p>	

**Plagiarism** refers to any attempt by students to use the work, words, or ideas of others without proper attribution, or any attempt to pass off the work, words, or ideas of others as their own. Such acts are considered plagiarism whether they occur intentionally, Acts of plagiarism include but are not limited to:

- Presenting any phrase or extracts, verbatim, without using quotation marks and without any reference to the author
- Paraphrasing all or part of an author's work and presenting it without any, or with inadequate, reference to the author
- Copying or paraphrasing all or part of another student's work or otherwise presenting another student's work as their own

**Collusion** is an agreement or cooperation in order to cheat or deceive for a fraudulent purpose. Collusion applies to students (past, present and future) who intentionally cooperate in order to gain an unfair advantage in the gaining of an award, qualification, or grade,

**Cheating** is using unauthorized materials, including electronic devices, or obtaining unauthorized help from another person in any work submitted for academic credit

**Fabrication** is inventing information or citations in an academic or clinical exercise

**Facilitating academic dishonesty** is providing unauthorized material or information to another person

**Unauthorized examination behavior** is conversing with another person, passing or receiving material to/from another person or source, or temporarily leaving an examination site to visit an unauthorized site or without permission

**Disciplinary Action:**

Disciplinary actions will be imposed by the program/college including but not limited to warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the University on those members of the learning community who violate the Academic Honesty Policy.

**Examples of academic misconduct that would subject a student to disciplinary action include but are not limited to:** cheating; plagiarism; collusion; gaining or seeking unfair advantage in relation to any work submitted; helping others to gain an unfair advantage; removing examination materials from a secure examination area; the unauthorized downloading or copying of examinations that are given on-line; fabricating assigned academic work, including clinical assessments, and presenting them as authentic; facilitating academic dishonesty; and unauthorized examination behavior.

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**Policy Statement:**

Academic honesty violations are counter to the RUSH ICARE core values of innovation, collaboration, accountability, respect, and excellence. As essential as academic honesty is to the trust that is fundamental to the educational process, academic misconduct violates one of the most basic ethical principles of an academic community and will result in sanctions imposed under the University's disciplinary system.

Outcome

Guidelines

Responsibility and Procedure

**Procedures:**

**Student**

- **Reviews the procedures specific to each college related to student misconduct, academic honesty, and the student appeals process; and**
- **Reports acts of misconduct to the appropriate faculty or administrator**

**College**

- **Follows its established student academic honesty policy**

**Note: The links to the policies below are included in the section under "Related Policies":**

- **Rush Honor Code**
- **Student Code of Conduct**
- **Student Complaint**
- **RUMC Code of Conduct**

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Regulatory Elements

Related Policies

[RUMC Code of Conduct](#)

[Rush Honor Code](#)

[Student Complaint Policy](#)

	<a href="#">Student Code of Conduct</a>	
Reference	<p><b>For use by the P &amp; P Committee only:</b></p> <p><b>Policy Number: UAC0031</b></p> <p><b>Formerly Academic Honesty and Student Misconduct - UAC0013</b></p> <p><b>Policy Category: University Student Academic</b></p> <p><b>Suggested Title: Academic Honesty</b></p> <p><b>P &amp; P Committee Chair: LaTonya Gunter</b></p>	<p><b>Date of initial adoption: 4/18/19</b></p> <p><b>Effective date: 7/18/24</b></p> <p><b>Date of Revision: Sunset Date (2 yrs from date of adoption/revision): 7/18/26</b></p> <p><b>Date approved by P&amp;P Committee: 7/18/24; 4/18/19</b></p>
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