

**The University of Georgia**  
**Academic Honesty**  
<http://www.uga.edu/honesty>

### **UGA Student Honor Code**

“I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty of others.”

All students agree to abide by the UGA Honor Code by signing the UGA Admissions application.

### **What is academic honesty?**

Academic honesty means performing all academic work without plagiarism, cheating, lying, tampering, stealing, giving or receiving unauthorized assistance from any other person, or using any source of information that is not common knowledge without properly acknowledging the source.

Examples of academic dishonesty include:

- copying answers from another student during an exam
- giving a false excuse for failing to show up for an exam
- obtaining advance exam copies by unauthorized means
- submitting a paper that was copied from another source without proper attribution to that source
- changing answers on a graded assignment and asking for a re-grade
- using unauthorized material to complete an assignment
- assisting another student in academically dishonest acts

### **Who is covered by this policy?**

Every UGA student has a responsibility to read and comply with the University’s academic honesty policy, *A Culture of Honesty*. Lack of knowledge of the provisions of *A Culture of Honesty* is not an acceptable response to an allegation of academic dishonesty.

Instructors have a responsibility to report possible dishonesty to the Office of the Vice President for Instruction. *A Culture of Honesty* provides the *exclusive* procedure for handling matters related to student academic dishonesty at UGA.

### **What are the University’s procedures if I suspect academic dishonesty?**

- Complete the *Report of Possible Academic Dishonesty* form and e-mail or fax it to the Office of the Vice President for Instruction. Please report the matter no later than 15 days from the date the alleged violation was discovered.
- The student will be notified by the Office of the Vice President for Instruction of your report.
- A date and time for a Facilitated Discussion between you and the student (facilitated by a third party) will be scheduled as quickly as possible.
- Further discussion about the assignment in question should be discouraged until the Facilitated Discussion
- While the matter is pending, allow the student to attend and submit all work for the class.

In addition, please note, academic honesty issues are private matters between the instructor, the student and the Office of the Vice President for Instruction.

### **What happens if the student and I are unable to resolve the matter during the Facilitated Discussion?**

- A Continued Discussion with an Academic Honesty Panel will be held.
- If the term ends before the matter is resolved, record the final course grade as “I”.

The full version of *A Culture of Honesty* is found on-line at <http://www.uga.edu/honesty>. Please call (706) 542-4336 or e-mail Deborah Bell at [dbell@uga.edu](mailto:dbell@uga.edu) if you have specific questions about the University’s academic honesty policy.