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# Academic Dishonesty

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Academic honesty is essential to the intellectual life of the University. Thus, academic dishonesty, such as cheating and plagiarism, is a basis for disciplinary action. In all cases of academic dishonesty, the faculty member makes an academic judgment about the student's grade on that work and in that course and reports all incidents to the provost for disciplinary action.

Academic honesty is fundamental to the activities and principles of the University. All members of the academic community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards academic dishonesty as an extremely serious matter, with serious consequences that range from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting or collaboration, consult the course instructor. Refer to the *Collected Rules and Regulations*, Section 200.010, Standard of Conduct ([http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/rules/collected\\_rules/programs/ch200/200.010\\_standard\\_of\\_conduct](http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/rules/collected_rules/programs/ch200/200.010_standard_of_conduct)), and Section 200.020, Rules of Procedures in Student Conduct Matters ([http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/rules/collected\\_rules/programs/ch200/200.020\\_rules\\_of\\_procedures\\_in\\_student\\_conduct\\_matters](http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/rules/collected_rules/programs/ch200/200.020_rules_of_procedures_in_student_conduct_matters)) for more specific details. (The *Collected Rules* are available on the University of Missouri System web site.) According to the UM Rules of Procedures in Student Conduct Matters, when they suspect that academic dishonesty has occurred, faculty members have an obligation to report an incident to the Office of the Vice Provost for investigation.