



Academic Integrity Policy and Resources

At Cairn University, a high value is placed on academic integrity. Faculty members are expected to maintain this integrity personally and insist on it in the academic performance of their students. Academic integrity is violated in a number of ways, but some illustrations include: cheating on examinations and quizzes, fabricating or altering data used in an assignment, facilitating academic dishonesty, multiple submissions of the same work, and disregarding other rules of academic integrity established by a faculty member.

Students who violate standards of academic integrity do not fulfill the character prerequisite for graduation from the University. Dishonest academic practices will therefore be tracked, and Student Life will maintain a central record of occurrences of academic dishonesty. Repeated offenses will result in increasingly severe consequences (see below). Students with three academic integrity violations may be subject to disciplinary dismissal from the University.

If an act of academic dishonesty is determined to have occurred, one or more of the following sanctions below will be imposed by the reporting faculty member, depending on the severity of the offense. The decision of the faculty member will be communicated in writing to the student as well as be reported to the Office of Student Life, which is responsible for maintaining student conduct records. The incident will result in an official disciplinary record for the student(s).

Warning

Requiring student to redo assignment, re-take exam, etc.

An "F" on the assignment or exam

Reduction of course grade

Failure for entire course

Combination of any of the above sanctions.

Multiple, or additional offenses (in the same or other courses) will bring, in addition to the above academic consequences, disciplinary action by Student Life. Further, students with third offenses may be subject to disciplinary dismissal from the University. A violation of the Academic Integrity policy discovered after the conferral of a degree is grounds for Withdrawal of (Rescind) the Degree. Any dispute arising out of charges of academic dishonesty should be resolved through the process set forth in the "Academic Grievance Procedures" as outlined in this Handbook.

Resources to Avoid Academic Dishonesty

- Tutorial: [Academic Integrity](#)
- Video: [What is Plagiarism](#)

Important note: The latest version of this policy is found in the Student Handbook and it supersedes this policy.