

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students are expected to do their own course work. Simple cases of first offense cheating or plagiarism by an individual student may be handled by the instructor after consultation with the department chair. The student is usually confronted with the evidence in private and advised of the penalty to be assessed. The evidence will be retained for at least one full year.

For more serious cases, such as those involving repeated offenses, conspiracy with other students or the theft and selling of examination questions, a report should be made by the instructor via the department chair and college dean to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Academic dishonesty is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct; therefore, the instructor may report any form of academic dishonesty to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Please review the Student Handbook for a complete description of the process. The Student Handbook is available through the Student Rights and Responsibilities webpage: <http://www.tamusa.edu/studentengagementsuccess/StudentRightsAndResponsibilities/index.html> (<http://www.tamusa.edu/studentengagementsuccess/StudentRightsAndResponsibilities/>).

Penalties for academic dishonesty may range from a grade of F on the particular paper or in the course to expulsion from the University.