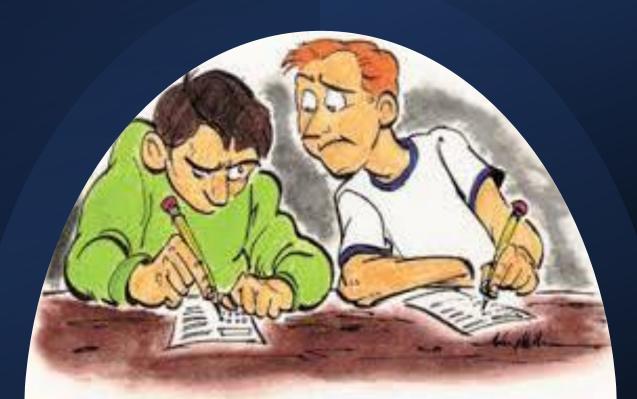# Academic Integrity

Chairs Academy Spring 2021

UNT Philosophy of Academic Integrity:

IT IS A VALUE

IT IS THE VENUE OF ACADEMICS

IT IS AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

IT IS INTRINSIC IN THE VALIDITY OF AN EARNED DEGREE

Academic Integrity cases

Fall 2020

Violations by Type	
Cheating	78
Fabrication	1
Facilitating	29
Forgery	0
Plagiarism	116

Classification of Reported Students	
Freshman	48
Sophomore	38
Junior	45
Senior	71
Post-Baccalaureate	1
Masters	13
Doctoral	5 (1 person x2)
NULL	3

Compiled January 2021

Incidents By College/Department

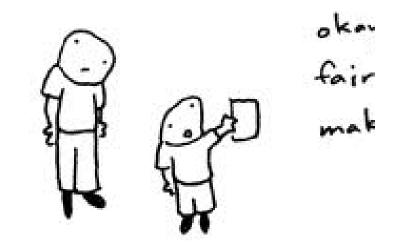| Reported Incidents by Dept/College (224 Total)	
Education	5
Health & Public Service	23
Music	13
Geography	16
Business	49
Science	22
Engineering	14
Information	5
Computer Science	1
Merchandising, Hospitality, & Tourism	1
Journalism	9
Geology	1
Visual Arts	19
Tech. Communications	4
Philosophy	2
Bachelor of Arts & Applied Sciences	2
History	1
English	10
Media Arts	11
Political Science	7
Learning Tech.	1
Communication St.	1
NULL/undef.	6

Behavior Conduct vs. Academic Integrity

- Academic integrity violations are not behavior violations

- They are an academic issue

- How to handle violations is the purview of faculty

- *What is the difference?*

by Charles Lipson

Internal Education

- Faculty
  - Policy and procedures - follow process; report cases
  - Violations/Sanctions - what can you do?
  - How can you BE SPECIFIC?
- Academic administrators
  - Policy and procedures
  - What is your role?

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What Are Current Issues?

- Online delivery:

- Cheating/plagiarism/forgery

- Assessment – are there different types?

- Specificity on syllabi:

- What does this mean?

- Is it the same for all classes?

- Should I put more than the policy link?

- Students have due process rights

Processes

Penalty Options for Faculty to Issue:

(Section II, A – E of the UNT Academic Integrity Policy.)

- Admonition

- Educational coursework

- Partial or no credit for assignment/assessment

- Course failure

- Lower grade

- *Note: Each violation must be reported separately*

Processes Faculty Should Follow

• Good faith effort to contact student (in writing; UNT email; provide specifics)

• Student has 5 days to respond

• If student responds, you must schedule a meeting (virtual or in person before you file)

• If you choose to file, see **Single Violation Report** form

Students' Rights

- Student may appeal to Department Chair within 5 days of the instructor's written decision
- Student files **Appeal of Single Violation** form

Department Chair Responsibilities

- 10 days to complete each appeal

- Meet with student and faculty member (policy says "may")

- Chair may:

- Uphold appeal and penalty

- Overturn appeal and penalty

- Modify penalty

- **Department Chair must** complete **Appeal Finding** form for case to be considered closed

➢**When does the AI officer team step in**?

  ➢Multiple or egregious violations

    ➢We meet with student

    ➢May assign more serious sanctions:

      ➢Probation

      ➢Suspension

Where are all these forms located?

- All forms and the Academic Integrity Policy (06.003) are on the UNT Office of the Provost website, listed under Academic Integrity.

- The entire reporting system is online.

- **Exact link:** https://vpaa.unt.edu/ss/integrity

Students' Rights

- Right to know reasons for the accusation

- Right to know reasons for the sanction

- Right to privacy (FERPA)

- Right to appeal accusation or severity of sanction

- Right to remain in class and/or continue in program until appeal is resolved

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