

**Eastern Kentucky University's Academic Integrity Policy
Comparison of Present Policy With
Revised Academic Integrity Policy and Honor Code
(Fall 2005)**

	Present Policy	Proposed Policy
Title	EKU Academic Honesty Policy	EKU Academic Integrity Policy
Preamble	Not included	Eastern Kentucky University is a community of shared academic values, foremost of which is a strong commitment to intellectual honesty, honorable conduct, and respect for others. In order to meet these values, students at Eastern Kentucky University are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. These standards are embodied in the Eastern Kentucky University Academic Integrity Policy, which all students shall pledge to uphold by signing the Eastern Kentucky University Honor Code. By honoring and enforcing this Academic Integrity Policy, the University community affirms that it will not tolerate academic dishonesty.
Honor Code	Not included	Included. Consists of the Introduction, Definitions, Description of process, Pledge, and Signature.
Pledge	Not included	I hereby affirm that I understand, accept, and will uphold the responsibilities and stipulations of the Eastern Kentucky University Honor Code and Academic Integrity Policy.
Introduction	Eastern Kentucky University faculty and students are bonded by principles of truth and honesty which are recognized as fundamental for a community of teachers and scholars. The University expects that the students will honor and that faculty will honor and enforce these principles, which contribute to a foundation upon which a quality of education can be built. With this premise, the University affirms that it will not tolerate academic dishonesty	Academic integrity is a fundamental value for the Eastern Kentucky University community of students, faculty, and staff. It should be clearly understood that academic dishonesty is not tolerated and incidents of it will have serious consequences. Anyone who knowingly assists in any form of academic dishonesty shall be considered as responsible as the student who accepts such assistance and shall be subject to the same sanctions. Academic dishonesty can occur in different forms, some of which include cheating, plagiarism, and fabrication.
Definition - Cheating	Cheating includes buying, stealing, otherwise fraudulently obtaining copies of examinations or assignments for the purpose of improving one's	Cheating is an act or an attempted act of deception by which a student seeks to misrepresent that he/she has mastered information on an academic exercise. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

	academic standing. During examinations or in-class work, it includes receiving information from others and referring to unauthorized notes or other written information. In addition, copying from others, either during examinations or in the preparation of homework assignments, is a form of cheating.	Giving or receiving assistance not authorized by the instructor or University representative; Participating in unauthorized collaboration on an academic exercise; Using unapproved or misusing electronic devices or aids during an academic exercise.
Definition- Fabrication	Not included	Fabrication is a form of deception and occurs when a student misrepresents written or verbal information in an academic exercise. Fabrication includes, but is not limited to: Citation of information not taken from the source indicated. This may include the incorrect documentation of secondary source materials; Listing sources in a bibliography not directly used in the academic exercise; Submission in a paper, thesis, lab report, practicum log, or other academic exercise of falsified, invented, or fictitious data or evidence, or deliberate and knowing concealment or distortion of the true nature, origin, or function of such data or evidence; Submitting as your own any academic exercise (verbal, written, electronic, or artistic work) prepared totally or in part by another person.
Definition – Plagiarism	Plagiarism is the act of presenting ideas, words, or organization of a source (published or not) as if they were one’s own, without acknowledgement of the source. Since university instructors assume material presented by students is their own otherwise indicated, all quoted material must be in quotation marks, all paraphrases, quotations, significant ideas, and organization must be acknowledge by footnotes or by some other form of documentation acceptable by the instructor for the course. Plagiarism also includes presenting material, which was composed or revised by any person other than the student who submits it as well as the deliberate falsification of footnotes. The use of the term “material” refers to work in any form including written, oral, or electronic (as in the case if computer files).	Plagiarism occurs when a student represents work taken from another source as his/her own. It is imperative that a student gives credit to information, words, ideas, and images that are integrated into his/her own work. Acknowledgement of a source of information in any form should consist of complete, accurate, and specific references and, if verbatim statements are included, quotation marks as well. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to: Using words, ideas, or images from another source (including the Internet); whether in quotation marks or not, without giving credit to that source in the form of a bibliographic citation; Using facts, statistics, or other supporting materials that are not clearly common knowledge without acknowledgment of the source.
Definition – Co-Responsibility	Anyone who knowingly assists in any form of academic dishonesty shall be considered as guilty as the student who accepts such assistance. Students	(Preamble) Anyone who knowingly assists in any form of academic dishonesty shall be considered as responsible as the student who accepts such assistance and shall be subject to the

	should not allow their work to be copied or otherwise used by fellow students, nor should they sell or give unauthorized copies of examinations to other students.	same sanctions.
Computer Code of Ethics	Computers should not be used to acquire or provide information in conflict with the academic honesty policy. Furthermore, the Code of Ethics for Computing and Communications makes it the responsibility of computer users to keep information, data, and programs in their computer accounts secure from others.	Not specifically included
Institutional Procedures:		
Timing	Faculty confronts student as soon as possible. Grade appeals wait until end of semester after grade is given.	Faculty confronts student as soon as possible. Process begins immediately.
Violations Reported	Not centralized. Three options: 1) Report violations to Chair then Dean then Registrar; 2) report violations to Student Disciplinary Council; 3) report violations to department Academic Practices Comm.	Two options. 1) Faculty meets with student who accepts responsibility or violation then referred to AI Coordinator. 2) Violations referred immediately to AI Coordinator.
Centralization of Info Reported	Not included	Included.
Peer Advisor	Not included	Included. Student at ECU. Permitted in Steps 3 through 10.
Disciplinary Process	4 options: 1) The instructor may assign a failing grade for the assignment; 2) the instructor may assign a failing grade for the course, in which case the instructor shall notify the chair of the department, the dean of the college in which the course is offered, the dean of the college of the student's major, the Dean of the Graduate School if appropriate, and the Registrar; 3) The instructor may refer the matter to the departmental committee on academic practices for consideration and possible referral to the Student Disciplinary Council; 4) If the student is assigned a grade of "F" and the instructor thinks the matter is serious enough, the instructor may submit the case to	Alleged incident of dishonesty occurs; 1) Faculty meets with student who accepts responsibility or violation then referred to AI Coordinator OR 2) Case referred immediately to AI Coordinator. Hearing at College Academic Integrity Committee, Appeal to University Academic Integrity Committee.

the departmental committee on academic practices with the recommendation that the student, if otherwise eligible, not be permitted to graduate with honors. This recommendation shall be made no later than the date on which the faculty member submits to the Registrar the grade report on which the “F” for plagiarism or cheating is assigned. At the time of the recommendation is submitted to the academic practices committee, the Registrar shall be informed that the recommendation has been submitted.

Disciplinary Sanctions	Fail assignment, fail course, not graduate with honors, not allowed to drop or withdraw from course	Fail assignment, fail course, not allowed to withdraw from course, “XF” notation for course, removal from course, educational sanctions, community service, restriction of computer access, precluded from graduating with Honors, suspension, expulsion
Educational Sanctions	Not included	Included. In the process of development.
Student Disciplinary Council	Included. Appeal from Council to Vice President of Student Affairs to President to Board of Regents. Per KRS 164.370, this Council is the only body authorized to suspend or expel a student.	Included. Appeal from Council to Provost to President to Board of Regents. Per KRS 164.370, this Council is the only body authorized to suspend or expel a student.

Additions to proposed policy not included in the present policy:

- 1) Honor Code
- 2) Honor Code Pledge
- 3) Peer Advisor
- 4) Silent Advisor
- 5) Educational components for sanctions
- 6) Centralized reporting of alleged academic integrity violations
- 7) Change in appeal process from Student Disciplinary Council