Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Fall 2014
Expectations

At the University of Maryland, all students are expected to act with **honor**. Committing to acting with honor means that you commit yourself to **acting ethically and with integrity** in all of your endeavors both **inside and outside** of the classroom.
We expect that what we read in the newspaper is not plagiarized or fabricated.

We expect that the surgeon operating on us did not cheat in med school.
We expect integrity in our society
Maryland Honor Pledge:

“I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination”

-Adopted by UMD Senate in 2001
University Student Judiciary
Students with a Voice in Campus Governance

- Uphold the standards of university conduct through adjudication of violations
- Educate the campus about issues of integrity, character, and ethics (ICE)
- Accepting applications now!
- In the most recent reporting period (June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014), the academic conduct caseload totaled 314 new referrals, a 23% decrease from last year.

International Students comprise 3% of the campus population, but 12% of our academic caseload. Of that, they are mostly graduate students!

- The percentage of students found responsible for, or who admitted to, violating the Code of Academic Integrity remains high at 89%.

- The XF was applied in 73 of the cases in which students were found responsible. Other sanctions were punitive and/or educational.
Violations

**Plagiarism**  
intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise.

**Cheating**  
intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise.

**Facilitation**  
intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of this Code.

**Fabrication**  
intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
Process for Academic Dishonesty Cases

Referral

Reasonable cause?

No

Case Dropped
No Record

Yes

Informal Resolution
Convene a Hearing
Process for Academic Dishonesty Cases

Informal Resolution: Must admit responsibility and accept XF

Yes

No

Convene an Honor Review
Honor Reviews are composed of 3 students and 2 faculty members.

Not Responsible

Case Voided

Responsible

Board makes sanction decision
Sanctions for Violating the Code of Academic Integrity
How to Make Sure it doesn’t happen to you:

• **ENGAGE** in your own learning.
• **EXPLORE** the citation styles of your field.
• **ASK** questions.
• **MEET** with your professor or instructor.
• **SAVE** contact information.
Academic Integrity Tutorial

- www.academicintegrity.umd.edu
- 30 minutes - 1 hour to complete
- Covers all types of academic situations
- Encouraged for all first year students at Maryland
Student Conduct
Prohibited Conduct

- Using, possessing or storing any **weapon**
- Causing physical harm or apprehension of harm
- Initiating a **false report, warning or threat of fire, explosion** or other emergency
- **Rioting** that results in harm
- Violating the terms of any disciplinary sanction
- Misusing or damaging **fire safety equipment**
- Distributing or possessing **any illegal or controlled substances**
- Furnishing **false information** to the University
- Making, possessing or using any forged, altered or **falsified** instrument of identification
Prohibited Conduct Continued

- Interfering with the **freedom of expression** of others
- **Theft** of property or of services
- Destroying or damaging the **property** of others
- Engaging in **disorderly or disruptive** conduct
- **Failure to comply** with the directions of University officials
- Using or possessing **fireworks** on University premises
- Using or possessing any alcoholic beverage **under the age of 21** or providing **alcoholic beverages** to a person known to be under the age of 21
- **Violating** any published University policy or regulation
Process for Student Conduct Cases

Referral

Reasonable cause?

No

Case Dropped
No Record

Yes

Informal Resolution

Convene a Hearing
Process for Student Conduct Cases

Informal Resolution: Must accept decision and sanction made by OSC staff and waives right to appeal

- Yes
- No

Hearing Convened
Hearing panels are composed of 5 students

- Not Responsible
  - Case Voided
- Responsible
  - Board recommends sanction decision
Possible Sanctions

- **Resident Life Sanctions:**
  - Housing Termination
  - Housing Probation/ Priority Point Loss
  - Written Warning
  - Educational Sanction
  - Community Service
  - Administrative Room Move
  - Restitution
  - No Trespassing

- **Student Conduct Sanctions:**
  - Expulsion
  - Suspension
  - Suspension Withheld
  - Disciplinary Probation
  - Disciplinary Reprimand
  - Educational Sanction
  - Community Service
  - Restitution
  - No Trespassing

Office of Student Conduct
Promoting Integrity, Character, and Ethics
Sexual Misconduct Policy

Includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, relationship violence, and exploitation. Gives a clear definition of consent.

Find out more: http://www.umd.edu/Sexual_Misconduct/

The Sexual Misconduct Office is located in 1103 Armory.
Responsible Action Policy

Take responsible action and get help for those who need it in an emergency.

Call for help (911/UMD staff) for someone in need of medical attention because of drugs or alcohol, neither the person needing help, nor the person calling for help may face disciplinary action.

- **Know** the signs of medical distress.
- **Call** for help.
- **Care** for someone.

Look out for your fellow Terps!
Terp Nation has NO Boundaries!

The *Code of Student Conduct* now applies off campus too, so remember the *Code* wherever you go!