

Academic Integrity

All members of the Rensselaer community are expected to assume responsibility for honor, honesty, and integrity in their academic work. Violators of a proper code of behavior are subject to the Grievance and Hearing Procedure described here. Penalties for students found in violation of this Policy include dismissal.

Definitions of Academic Dishonesty

Academic Fraud

Alteration of documentation relating to the grading process. For example, changing exam solutions to negotiate for a higher grade.

Collaboration

Deliberate facilitation of academic dishonesty in any form. For example, allowing another student to use one's previously submitted term paper.

Copying

Deliberately observing the paper of another student. For example, noting which alternative a student has circled on a multiple-choice examination.

Cribbing

Use or attempted use of prohibited materials, information, or study aids in an academic exercise. For example, using an unauthorized formula sheet during an examination.

Fabrication

Unauthorized falsification or invention of any information in an academic exercise. For example, use of purchased term papers.

Plagiarism

Representing the work or words of another as one's own through deliberate omission of acknowledgment or reference. For example, using sentences verbatim from a published source in a term paper without appropriate referencing.

Sabotage

Destruction of another student's work related to an academic exercise. For example, destroying a computer program developed by another student.

Substitution

Using a proxy, or acting as a proxy, in any academic exercise. For example, taking an exam for another student, or having a homework assignment done by someone else. Note: The definitions and examples presented here are not to be construed as an exhaustive list. They are provided as samples of several types of academic dishonesty.