

GRADUATE ACADEMIC HONESTY

A&M-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support adherence to the high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor, and integrity of the creative community. Though we believe in a community approach, we want to emphasize that students' responsibilities include, but are not limited to, maintaining integrity in their own academic work, reporting incidents of academic misconduct to the instructor involved, and to be educated on these academic community standards.

What is Academic Integrity?

Integrity is integral to scholarly work. The Center for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as a "commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility." The excellence we, as an academic community, strive for is bound fundamentally to these values. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance. Misconduct may occur when the student acts knowingly or should reasonably know that the act is misconduct.

What is Academic Work?

Academic work is defined as all work submitted for any course or program and all academic activities such as enrollment and withdrawal from a class. All academic work at A&M-Central Texas is expected to be submitted with integrity and uncompromising adherence to the standards described below.

Academic Integrity Rules

For a complete listing of the Code of Academic Integrity and Student Rules, students should visit: <https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>

Reporting Misconduct

A&M-Central Texas sees integrity as the cornerstone of our mutual learning endeavor and we all share responsibility in upholding our integrity. As such, the entire university community – not just instructors – can report academic misconduct. Students, faculty, and staff, can report academic misconduct concerns at <https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>. When the Office of Student Conduct receives an allegation of academic misconduct not initiated by an instructor, the instructor of record will be notified of the report. For questions on reporting or interpretation of this Code, contact the Office of Student Conduct at 254-501-5909.

Appeal Procedure

Students who wish to appeal the outcome of their student conduct hearing must follow the appeals procedure outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

Students who wish to appeal the grade assigned by a faculty member must follow the grade appeal procedure of the respective college.