

College of Engineering Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct is any action or attempted action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other member or members of the community. Below are some basic definitions and examples of academic misconduct.

Cheating

Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question, such as:

- Copying or attempting to copy from others during a test
- Allowing someone to copy from you during an exam (or other individual assignment).
- Communicating answers with another person during a test.
- Preprogramming an electronic device (e.g. calculator) to contain answers or other unauthorized information for tests.
- Using unauthorized materials, prepared answers, written notes, or concealed information during a test
- Taking a test for another person or having someone take a test for you.
- Collaborating on a test or assignment without prior approval from the instructor.
- Allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment for you, including the use of a commercial term paper service.
- Copying or attempting to copy from others on a home or class assignment.
- Putting your name on another person's test or assignment.
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Penalties for Academic Misconduct

- x The penalty for a Level 1 offense (as defined in the Lowdown) will be determined by the instructor for the course in which the offense occurs.

- x The minimum penalty for a Level II offense (as defined in the Lowdown) will be a semester suspension from the University of South Alabama. The time of the suspension (i.e., current semester or subsequent semester) will be determined by the Academic Standards Committee at the time of the Level II hearing.