

Examples of Egregious Academic Dishonesty

Acts of academic dishonesty are unacceptable for many reasons. Typically, an inappropriate act involves one, two or a few students and may occur because one or both seek to improve their grades unethically. If caught, they may suffer sanctions and loss of reputation. An egregious act of dishonesty not only potentially compromises the reputation of the individual(s) that commit(s) the act but also has the potential to compromise other students' privacy, grades and reputation or provides an impediment to fair assessment and grading of a group of students.

Some examples follow:

Any act that compromises the integrity of a quiz, exam or other class assignments and thereby causes several students' grades to be in question or may cause a faculty member to alter grading plans or repeat a quiz or exam.

- Theft of a copy of an exam before it is given that requires the faculty member to postpone or redo the exam

- Theft of one or more copies of a completed exam or assignment.

- Dissemination of information about the contents of an exam to several students.

- Selling, sharing or otherwise providing copies of a quiz or exam or wholly or partially completed written assignments to several students.

Giving false or misleading testimony or performing an action that places blame for an act of academic dishonesty on an innocent student.

Any act of intimidation intended to cause another to violate expectations of academic integrity.

Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity; however plagiarism of another student's work without that student's permission potentially damages another's reputation and is egregious.

Electronically or physically obtaining access to or altering faculty or College confidential records, such as a grade book or grade records, violates other students' expectations of confidentiality and provides a potential opportunity for modifying students' grades.