

Proposed Update to the Code of Academic Integrity

A one-page summary for the busy reader.

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Most of the Code is not changing!

- Faculty still control the academic integrity policies for their courses.
- Students are still responsible for submitting work that represents their own intellectual efforts and properly acknowledges all assistance.
- The core academic integrity process (primary hearings and hearing board appeals) is unchanged.

What are the primary proposed updates?

- Make the **Accepting Responsibility** process part of the Code. See below for more about it.
- Create a **centralized record keeping system** for academic integrity, instead of distributing that work over the colleges. Faculty would report violations in it much like they currently report academic concerns in that system.
- Clarify details regarding **graduate students**, mainly by pointing to and/or echoing existing language in the Code of Legislation of the Graduate Faculty.
- Modernize **examples of violations** to include unauthorized use of artificial intelligence and unauthorized use of materials and devices, from cheat sheets to smart glasses. "Unauthorized" is, as always, to be defined by the instructor and, upon appeal, reviewed by a hearing board.
- Update language to be **inclusive** and gender neutral.

What is Accepting Responsibility?

Accepting Responsibility is an **educational intervention** for academic integrity that has been piloted across 60+ courses in Bowers, CALS, CAS, and Duffield. Nearly 300 students have participated since the pilot began in Spring 2024. If elected by both the instructor and the student, the event is not recorded as a finding of violation of the Code, no primary hearing is held, the student waives their right to appeal to a hearing board and dean, and the penalty is capped to the work involved (no F in course, etc.) The student must attend a workshop and complete written assignments on their values, choices, and habits. A student is eligible only if (i) they have never violated academic integrity before, and (ii) they have never participated in Accepting Responsibility before.

Where can I learn more?

The web page for this Senate resolution will contain links to supporting documents, including a full redline edit of the proposed revisions of the Code.