

# FAQ ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY FOR ACCUSED STUDENTS



## WHAT IS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY/MISCONDUCT/DISHONESTY?

There are four basic categories of academic dishonesty:

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Obtaining Unfair Advantage
- Falsification of Records/Official Documents

A student can be accused of any one or combination of these categories. For a list of definitions and examples of these areas, visit:

<https://www.baruch.cuny.edu/studentaffairs/AcademicIntegrity/index.htm>

## I WAS NOTIFIED I HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY. WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Students accused of academic dishonesty are required to meet with the Associate Dean of Students who serves as Baruch College's Academic Integrity Officer. Students are permitted to invite an advisor to the meeting as long as a FERPA waiver has been received by the College. Failure to meet can result in a hold placed on your account.

In the meeting, the Associate Dean will review the procedure and the accusation. The student will have the opportunity to provide their testimony and any evidence they would like considered. The information gathered during the meeting will determine if more meetings are necessary or if a decision can be rendered at that time.

## HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE?

A student can be found either 'Responsible' or 'Not Responsible' for the alleged misconduct. The determination of responsibility is dependent upon the evidence of the case. Decisions are made on a preponderance of evidence.

## WHAT IS A SANCTION?

When a student is found 'Responsible' in an academic integrity allegation, they may receive two sanctions: an academic sanction (i.e. reduced grade, failure in the class) and/or disciplinary sanction (i.e. warning, suspension).

## WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION?

Students have the right to appeal. If a student has admitted to academic dishonesty, but wish to appeal an academic sanction they can file a grade appeal through the appropriate academic department. If the student denies academic dishonesty but was found responsible, the student can appeal the decision by requesting a hearing in front of the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee.