

Tippie College of Business PhD Honor Code

The purpose of the Tippie PhD Honor Code is to ensure honorable and ethical behavior by PhD students at the Tippie College of Business. By enrolling into a Tippie PhD program, a student agrees to this Honor Code and accepts personal responsibility to uphold and defend academic integrity and to promote an atmosphere in which all individuals may flourish. By agreeing to the Honor Code:

- I commit to scholarly honesty and integrity
- I agree to maintain the spirit of the Honor Code
- I strive to set a standard of honest and ethical behavior that reflects well on me, the Tippie College of Business, and the University of Iowa.

Faculty, graduate assistants, and staff who discover Honor Code violations must report the violation in writing to the Associate Dean of Research at the Tippie College of Business. To report an honor code violation, please complete an [incident report](#).

The following is a non-exhaustive list of punishable offenses under the Honor Code.

Cheating includes:

1. copying the work of others or allowing others to use your work during an exam or test;
2. using unauthorized notes, equipment, or communication during an exam or test;
3. using the work of others or helping others on an assignment, project, or quiz when not permitted;
4. obstructing or sabotaging another student's academic work, research, or experiments.

Plagiarism includes:

1. presenting the work of others without proper acknowledgment;
2. claiming the words and ideas of another as one's own;
3. failure to properly cite and specifically credit the source of information in papers or projects.

Using and modifying teaching materials of others, with permission and for instruction purposes, is not considered an honor code violation.

Forgery and falsification includes:

1. knowingly using false data in research;
2. presenting false transcripts or other official academic documents;
3. forging the signature of an instructor, advisor, dean, or another student without proper authorization.

A PhD Honor Code violation may bring a range of sanctions. If the violation is related to a course, the course instructor may apply sanctions such as a reduced grade or failing grade. In addition, the degree-granting department of the offending student can apply various sanctions, up to and including dismissal from the program or revocation of an awarded degree.

Student appeals

The appeal process for students accused of academic misconduct is specified in The University of Iowa document [Policies and Regulations Affecting Students, C. Academic Misconduct](#) which states:

“In the Graduate College, the questions [of academic dishonesty] are handled at the departmental level. If the departmental decision is appealed, the dean may appoint an appeals committee of faculty and students from a slate of nominees prepared by the Graduate Council and the Graduate Student Senate to recommend an appropriate course of action.”

The appeal process must be initiated by the student. If the student wishes to appeal the department's or program's action, that appeal must be lodged with the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Graduate College within 30 days of program or departmental dismissal.