About our office

• The Office for Community Standards has the responsibility of upholding the University of Minnesota Board of Regents Student Conduct Code and administering the student discipline procedures.
POP QUIZ!
What does Academic Integrity mean?
Fundamental Values of Academic Integrity

- Honesty
- Trust
- Fairness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Courage
VALUES, NOT RULES
Scholastic Dishonesty

- plagiarism
- cheating on assignments or examinations
- engaging in unauthorized collaboration
- taking, acquiring, or using test materials without faculty permission
- submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement
- falsifying records or obtaining dishonestly grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement
- altering, forging, or misusing a University academic record
- fabricating or falsifying data, research procedures, or data analysis
Impacts of Scholastic Dishonesty?
Andrew Wakefield

THE LANCET

RETRACTED
Senator John Walsh

human rights dissident Andrei Sakharov, first practiced by Senator ‘Scoop’ Jackson, and used with devastating effect by Ronald Reagan to bring down the Soviet Empire, free hundreds of millions of people, and help secure what was then called the West. 

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Rationalizations for engaging in scholastic dishonesty

• Everyone else is doing it.
• The professor doesn’t care if I cheat.
• My friend asked me to cheat for him/her.
• If I fail, I will disappoint my family.
• I didn’t understand the material. I was desperate.
• I ran out of time.
Other reasons people engage in scholastic dishonesty

- Unmotivated or under prepared
- Poor time management skills
- Lack of skill in citation, etc.
- Lack of ethical decision making skills
- Sometimes cultural misunderstanding of plagiarism
- Pressure from family to do well
What if you are accused of scholastic dishonesty?

- Due Process
- Opportunity for a formal process
- Focus on student development
Case studies!
Then...review quiz and answer questions
Justin, Alyssa, and Miguel are assigned to work on several group assignments together in a modeling workshop this semester. One of their projects during the workshop that they will be tested on at the end of the course involves working together to interpret a series of data points that help to develop the model. Each person takes a third of the data points to interpret before they put them into a full analysis. On a test that covers some of the information gathered by Alyssa, Miguel cannot remember the answers. He reasons that because the three of them had worked on the project together and got a good grade, it shouldn’t be a problem to ask Alyssa for answers. Since they sit near each other in class, Miguel asks Alyssa to tell him the answers. Alyssa does not want to offend her friend, so she moves her arm so Miguel can see her paper. Justin also sits nearby, and sees this.
Case Study

Ryan has to write some code for his first programming class in MFM. He asked his friend, who took the class last year to help him understand how to do the coding. His friend shows him the assignment he did last year as an example to walk him through the concepts. Ryan is still lost after the explanation, but is embarrassed to tell his friend that he doesn’t understand. He copies the code, changes the name of the author to his own name and hands in the code for his homework assignment.