

CISE Cheating Policy Adopted unanimously at Dept. Meeting, March 7 2023

Rationale:

This is a suggested policy guidance -- for purely voluntary adoption by faculty members -- with departmental backing. Even without formal departmental backing, faculty members can adopt this policy as it is consistent with university rules. However, since most faculty members are not aware of the limits that fall within university rules, having the department formally endorse this policy will help faculty members feel more comfortable implementing it.

Proposal:

This cheating policy is merely a recommendation. However, if a faculty member chooses to adopt this policy, the CISE department will support the faculty member's position.

(1) The faculty member prominently announces a zero-tolerance policy on the course webpage at the beginning of the semester when the course is offered.

(2) At any time that a student is caught cheating with compelling evidence, the faculty member immediately reports to the University using the online form (violation report) <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/resources-by-audience/faculty-and-staff/faculty-student-resolution/>

(3) Since the University takes time to process such reports, in the meantime, if asked by the student, the faculty member informs the student of the following. (a) The cheating incident has been reported to the University (b) The faculty member will recommend to the University a minimum punishment of a grade of E in the course in addition to a score of 0 for assignment/test where the cheating occurred and (c) The University maintains records of such reports filed across all the courses the student takes, and will make the final decision; in particular, the University may choose a more severe punishment including suspension.

(4) Pending the University's decision, if the student continues submitting assessments for the course after being informed of Items 3 a,b,c, the faculty member maintains assessment grading records for the student as usual, but per University policy, awards the student a grade of "N" during the semester. If the University has not yet reached a decision at the end of the semester, a final grade of I or E is submitted (University recommends I). If the University's decision subsequently requires the faculty member to change the final letter grade, the faculty member uses the student's assessment grading records to fill out a grade change form.

