

Department of Philosophy Academic Dishonesty and Misconduct Policy

The instructor must determine whether a penalty of less than a grade of F for the course is warranted. If the instructor judges that a penalty less than a grade of F for the course is warranted, the instructor, the student, and the department chair should meet as soon as possible after the alleged dishonesty. After that meeting, in light of the student's explanation and motives, the instructor and chair set an appropriate penalty. Again, the penalty can range up to, but not include, an F for the course. The Chair then notifies the student by letter of the penalty and sends a copy of the letter to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If, in light of the meeting with the student, the instructor and chair determine that an F for the course is warranted, then all materials are forwarded to the College's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

If the instructor believes from the beginning that a grade of F for the course is warranted, the Chair will arrange a separate and thorough review of the evidence. If, after the review, the chair decides that an F for the course is warranted, the chair will submit to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs all relevant materials along with a report of the investigation and the department's recommendation signed by both the instructor and chair. The chair will also notify the student in writing of the department's recommendation. After that, the matter is left to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who can investigate further and impose a penalty in keeping with her or his investigation.

Of course, in either case, the student can appeal the penalty within 15 days of receiving the letter.

Note: Instructors may not assign any penalty for academic dishonesty without following these procedures.

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