Policy on Academic Dishonesty  
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The Program follows the Academic Honesty Policy as detailed in the Graduate Student Bulletin. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, dishonest conduct, plagiarism and collusion (e.g., allowing someone to copy your work). The Program will follow the following procedure for cases of suspected academic dishonesty.

A faculty member who suspects a student of academic dishonesty will, in the presence of a facilitator (i.e., another faculty member), present such evidence to the student. If the evidence seems substantive, the faculty member will alert the Graduate Committee about his or her concerns.

If the student denies engaging in academic dishonesty, the Graduate Committee will evaluate and investigate the evidence and the situation. If there is insufficient evidence of academic dishonesty, then the Graduate Committee shall determine what steps to take in order to clarify this and future such incidents, such as consulting with the faculty member, consulting with the student, etc.

If the Graduate Committee concludes that academic dishonesty occurred, the incident will be reported to the Chair of the Department of Psychology and Dean of the Graduate School, and a letter of reprimand will be entered into the student's academic file. The Graduate Committee may also recommend one or more of the following actions:

- the student must redo the questionable work or examination
- the grade for the assignment/test be reduced (including down to zero points awarded)
- the student be administratively withdrawn (by the Graduate School) from the course
- the student be given a final grade of F for the course
- the student be dismissed from the Program

If a second act of academic dishonesty occurs, the Graduate Committee will recommend that the student be dismissed from the program.