



POLICY: 6Hx28:8-11

Responsible Official:
Vice President, Student Affairs

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Academic Dishonesty

Policy Statement:

- I. All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.
- II. All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the students' individual thoughts, research, and self-expression. Whenever a student uses ideas, wording, or organization from another source, the source shall be appropriately acknowledged.
- III. Students shall take special notice that the assignment of course grades is the responsibility of the students' individual professor.

Procedures:

Anyone observing an act of academic dishonesty may refer the matter to the professor, as an academic violation, and/or to the Dean of Students or designee, as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct (6Hx28:8-03). When the professor has reason to believe that an act of academic dishonesty has occurred, the professor may proceed in one of three ways:

- I. The professor may choose to consider the act of academic dishonesty to be an academic offense, and using his/her academic judgment may assign an academic sanction to the responsible student, following a discussion of the matter with the student and any other appropriate persons. Academic penalties may include, without limitation, one or more of

the following: loss of credit for an assignment, examination, or project; withdrawal from course; a reduction in the course grade; or a grade of "F" in the course. If the student disagrees with the decision of the professor, the student may seek a review of the decision subject to and in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-10, Student Academic Dispute and Administrative Complaint Resolution.

- II. The professor may choose to consider the act of academic dishonesty to be a violation of the Valencia Student Code of Conduct, and may refer the matter for resolution in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-03. Disciplinary penalties for academic dishonesty may include, without limitation, warning, probation, suspension and/or expulsion from the College. Any appeal of disciplinary sanctions will occur subject to and in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-03.
- III. The professor may choose to consider the act of academic dishonesty as warranting both an academic and disciplinary sanction. In this case, a professor should refer the matter for resolution in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-03, Student Code of Conduct, and when appropriate, should withhold any academic sanctions until such time as the disciplinary process is concluded and the student has been found responsible for violating college policy. If the student is found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct, the professor may then assign academic sanction in addition to any assigned disciplinary sanction. Any appeal of disciplinary sanctions will occur subject to and in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-03, and any review of academic sanctions will occur subject to and in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-10.

Related Documents/Policies:

Policy 6Hx28:8-03 Student Code of Conduct

Policy 6Hx28:8-10 Student Academic Dispute and Administrative Complaint Resolution

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