

Student Rights & Responsibilities

The Office of Academic Integrity Programs (“OAIP”) strives to uphold the mission of the University of Oklahoma in creating an academic culture that fosters student integrity both in and out of the classroom.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes academic misconduct.¹

Rights

At the University of Oklahoma, through the OAIP, students are afforded the right to:

- a presumption of innocence throughout the process, unless and until there is a final determination of misconduct.
- request an advisor, who may support the student throughout the process. An advisor may be SGA General Counsel (at no expense to the student), outside counsel, a family member, etc.
- know the nature of the reported violation.
- receive a copy of their file (upon request).
- an explanation of the OAIP system and student rights.
- have questions answered by a member of the OAIP.
- privacy and confidentiality. Some allegations may include other students. If another student’s name is included in a file, the reported student is required to protect the privacy and confidentiality of that student.
- request an investigation regarding the alleged misconduct.
- request a hearing regarding the alleged misconduct.
- submit an appeal regarding: 1) a finding of responsibility by a hearing panel, 2) reconsideration of the sanction, and/or 3) early removal of transcript notation or expungement of the case in its entirety.

Responsibilities

Any student working with the OAIP has the responsibility to:

- consider thoughtfully the nature of the allegations.
- adhere to deadlines, requesting additional time and information as necessary. Failure to honor any deadline may result in a loss of rights, including final adjudication by default and the issuance of a final sanction.
- carefully monitor their OU e-mail account for official communication regarding the case.
- disclose (as necessary) special concerns which may affect their decision (for example – the need for resolution prior to an upcoming graduation or job offer).
- disclose (if applicable) special concerns which may implicate other university policies (for example – relevant information related to the events which led to the alleged misconduct and/or the report).
- take responsibility for their decisions; students should not accept responsibility for anything they have not done.

For more information, please visit: integrity.ou.edu

¹ Academic Integrity Code, University of Oklahoma, Page 1. Available at http://www.ou.edu/content/dam/integrity/docs/Academic_Misconduct_Code.pdf