

**DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL, MATERIALS, AND
AEROSPACE ENGINEERING**

POLICY ON ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Department of Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology considers academic training to be apprenticeship for practice in the professions. Students are expected to demonstrate a code of moral integrity and ethical standards commensurate with the high expectations that society places upon professional practice.

Accordingly, it is the policy of the department to maintain the highest standard of academic honesty and integrity. The department prohibits any form of cheating that contributes, or is intended to contribute, to a student's grade in a course. This includes copying or unauthorized collaboration on homework, reports, computer programs, projects, etc., collaboration of any kind on an examination or quiz, or the unauthorized possession or use of any material or machine-stored information during an examination. It is a violation for a student, whether or not currently enrolled in the university, to knowingly engage or attempt to engage in the acquisition, without permission, of tests, answer sheets, problem solutions or other academic material when such material has been withheld from distribution by the instructor.

Students judged guilty of such offenses are subject to either of the following sanctions:

1. **Expulsion from a course.** The student is assigned a punitive failing grade of E for the course and can no longer participate in the course or receive evaluation of coursework from the instructor.
2. **Reduction in Grade.** A reduction in grade for the assignment or exam involved or for the course may be applied.

In addition, the incident will be reported to the Designated Dean for Academic Discipline, who may make a recommendation for further disciplinary action. The report of the incident will be placed in the student's permanent academic record. An offense may warrant a recommendation to initiate dismissal proceedings.

This policy will apply not only to a student guilty of any form of academic dishonesty, but also to any party who knowingly allows his or her work to be plagiarized.

This policy is consistent with the IIT Code of Academic Honesty (http://www.iit.edu/student_affairs/handbook/)