

Department of Psychology Academic Integrity Statement

Along with the institute as a whole, the Department of Psychology is dedicated to ensuring that the highest standards of academic integrity are maintained by faculty and students. For students this means that:

1. any work they submit must be their own;
2. they cannot use or provide to others any assistance during exams;
3. the contributions of others are always cited in papers;
4. their work cannot be submitted to satisfy more than one academic assignment; and,
5. data reported must be in accord with their findings even when they do not support the hypothesis.

In a just academic environment, students are evaluated and appropriately rewarded or penalized on the basis of their own performance. It is unjust to try to improve one's performance by submitting someone else's work as one's own. This includes cheating on exams, copying from other students, and submitting papers that incorporate plagiarized material. Further, it is also unjust to improve another student's grade by providing unauthorized assistance. Students who observe or become aware of acts of academic dishonesty are encouraged to report these incidents to the course instructor or the Department Chair.

Faculty have the responsibility for monitoring student compliance with these expectations and will normally decide whether the offense merits receiving no credit for the contaminated assignment or further penalty. The course instructor alone decides whether the penalty will be a zero on the assignment or failure of the course. Faculty who uncover acts of academic dishonesty will report them to the Department Chair. The Department Chair is charged with keeping records to discern whether there is a recurring pattern of dishonesty. Repeated offenses or especially serious cases may result in student expulsion from the program and/or institute.

How RIT defines and details academic dishonesty is here:

<https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/d080>

I have read and will uphold the policy of academic integrity. I understand that the consequences of failing to abide by this policy could lead to my expulsion from the institute.

Student Signature

Date