

WAC 495D-121-540 Student conduct code—Academic dishonesty and classroom, lab, clinic conduct. (1) Honest assessment of student performance is of crucial importance to all members of the academic community. The college views acts of dishonesty as serious breaches of honor and will deal with them using the following:

(a) College administration and faculty will provide reasonable and prudent security measures designed to minimize opportunities for acts of academic dishonesty.

(b) Any student who, for the purpose of fulfilling any assignment or task required by a faculty member as part of the student's program of instruction, shall knowingly tender any work product that the student fraudulently represents to the faculty member as the student's work product, shall be deemed to have committed an act of academic dishonesty. Acts of academic dishonesty are cause for disciplinary action.

(c) Any student who aids or abets an act of academic dishonesty, as described in (b) of this subsection, may be subject to disciplinary action.

(d) Faculty may adjust the student's grade on a particular project, paper, test, or class for academic dishonesty. This section shall not be construed as preventing a faculty from taking immediate disciplinary action when they must act upon such breach of academic dishonesty to preserve order and prevent disruptive conduct in the classroom.

(2) Instructors have the authority to take whatever summary actions necessary to maintain order and proper conduct in the classroom and to maintain the effective cooperation of the class in fulfilling the course objectives.

(a) Any student who, by any act of misconduct, substantially disrupts a class by engaging in conduct that renders it difficult or impossible to maintain the decorum of the faculty's class is subject to disciplinary action.

(b) The faculty of each course, or the managing authority of distance learning courses, can take steps as necessary to preserve order and to maintain the effective cooperation of the class in fulfilling the course objectives, given that a student shall have the right to appeal the disciplinary action to the faculty's supervisor.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.05 RCW; and RCW 28B.50.140(13); 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. WSR 21-18-041, § 495D-121-540, filed 8/24/21, effective 9/24/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140(13). WSR 14-14-047, § 495D-121-540, filed 6/25/14, effective 7/26/14.]