

## Frequently Asked Questions

These FAQs and responses are not comprehensive and are not a substitute for your being familiar with the Academic Honor Code and Code of Student Conduct. Both codes, as well as related information, can be found at [www.bus.umich.edu/Academics/Resources/communityvalues.htm](http://www.bus.umich.edu/Academics/Resources/communityvalues.htm) .

### 1. Why are academic values and ethics important?

It is critical to have an environment that is fair and where all students can be confident they are able to pursue academic excellence in an equitable and supportive environment.

### 2. What is cheating?

Cheating covers a wide range of behavior that is unacceptable for an academic institution. Examples of violations of common course policies and procedures include:

- Working together on take-home exams, papers or other assignments when the work is supposed to be done independently.
- Studying together after a take-home exam has been distributed, even if you don't explicitly discuss the exam.
- Using prior-year assignments or exams to which other students do not have access.
- Plagiarism – not properly citing the work of others, or claiming someone else's ideas as your own.
- Falsification of information.

### 3. When is collaboration cheating?

Collaboration is cheating if the work is supposed to be done individually. If you are not sure whether collaboration is allowed, your default position should be that it is not. You should then seek clarification from your instructor and ask him/her to inform the entire class.

### 4. How can I avoid being guilty of plagiarism?

The CVC website provides a [link](#) to a Kresge Library website with many resources for plagiarism, copyright, and citation concerns. Please use these tools to help you in your class assignments and projects.

### 5. What are the penalties for cheating?

Academic dishonesty will most likely result in a grade of "Fail" for the course and possibly a notation on your transcript as to the reason for the failure. This is true for homework assignments as well as exams. There are also cases of students being suspended or expelled for serious cheating.

### 6. Do I have to report cheating if I see it?

Yes. If you have a reasonable suspicion that cheating – or any other code violation – is taking place or has already occurred, you are required to report it as soon as possible. If you see it taking place during an exam, you should immediately inform the proctor and then follow up by informing the instructor. If you don't report a code violation, you may be guilty of a violation yourself. This is a

very important responsibility that helps protect our community values and the reputation of the school, its students and alumni.

**7. How do I report a possible code violation?**

You can report a possible violation to the chair of the Community Values Committee, your SGA Community Values and Ethics representative, the Associate Dean for Degree Programs or the Office of Student Life.

**8. What are the expectations of the behavior of RSB students?**

The culture at Ross is unique – the students, faculty and staff strive to create an environment of respect, trust and consideration that allows each of us to develop and achieve as much as possible. This extends to everything that we do, including valuing each member of the community on- and off-campus, maintaining a professional image at recruiting and social events, and striving to do our personal best academically.

**9. If I have a concern or question regarding our community values and standards, what resources are there to support me?**

The Statement of Community Values was created to define the elements that are important to the Ross community. This statement provides the foundation for the Academic Honor Code and the Code of Student Conduct. You can view the statement and both codes in their entirety in this booklet and on the CVC website. Contact the Office of Student Life if you have any questions or need additional information about a particular situation.

**Code-Related Websites:**

Ross Statement of Community Values

[www.bus.umich.edu/CommunityValues.htm](http://www.bus.umich.edu/CommunityValues.htm)

The University of Michigan Student Rights and Responsibilities

[www.oscr.umich.edu/statement/](http://www.oscr.umich.edu/statement/)

Rackham Graduate School Academic Policies

[www.rackham.umich.edu/StudentInfo/Publications/](http://www.rackham.umich.edu/StudentInfo/Publications/)