

ECE Academic Misconduct Policy

Statement of the Policy

Students in the ECE program agree to be bound by the ECE Academic Misconduct Policy. Whenever an instructor finds a student cheating, plagiarizing, or fabricating or falsifying data on any major assignment, it constitutes academic misconduct. An assignment is considered “major” if it is weighted as 10% or more of the course grade or if it is defined as such by the instructor on the syllabus. The instructor will decide on an academic sanction for the student, up to and including a failing grade for the course. The instructor will inform the student of the sanction and submit an incident letter to the ECE chair’s office and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Engineering. On the second incident of academic misconduct, the student is dismissed from the ECE program. If an academic sanction is reversed upon appeal, it does not count towards the two incidents for removal.

Definitions and examples of “academic misconduct”, “cheating”, “plagiarism”, “fabrication”, “falsification”, and “academic sanction”, are given in the University’s Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities (<https://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.php>).

Methods to Ensure Students are Aware of the Policy

- Students must sign an acknowledgement form when applying for a major or for admission into a program in ECE.
- Every student will sign an acknowledgement form in their first weeks in the program.
- This policy will be sent out to all students at the start of each academic year.
- The policy will be linked to from the www.ece.utah.edu web page.

Instructor’s Responsibilities

Each ECE course syllabus should state what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, and remind students of the ECE Academic Misconduct Policy. An example syllabus statement might be:

ECE students are bound by the ECE Academic Misconduct Policy as well as the University’s Student Code. Cheating on exams (using unauthorized materials, copying or collaborating with another student), and plagiarizing (copying words, code, or work from another person without crediting it to them), constitute academic misconduct in this course and will result in academic sanction. Academic misconduct on any assignment may result in a sanction in this course up to failing the course.