

## Academic Misconduct Policy for the School of Information Technology

Effective March 5, 2024

*Background:* [Academic Misconduct at the University of Cincinnati](#)

Students at the University of Cincinnati are expected to uphold the highest level of academic integrity as outlined in the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Academic misconduct violations of the Student Code of Conduct include:

- Aiding and abetting misconduct
- Cheating
- Fabrication
- Plagiarism
- Violating Ethical or Professional Standards

### *Policy*

The SoIT policy for academic misconduct is designed to support [the SoIT core values](#) of Seek Integrity, Strive for Excellence, and Pursue Learning and Scholarships.

The policy builds upon and extends the Student Code of Conduct policy to provide school level sanctions in addition to any sanctions imposed by the instructor of the course in which an academic misconduct incident occurred.

Additional school-level sanctions are:

- First Academic Misconduct: Academic warning.
- Second Academic Misconduct: Disqualification from all future SoIT scholarships, assistantship, or recognition awards as applicable.
- Third Academic Misconduct: Dismissal from the SoIT program(s) that the student is enrolled in and denial of admission in the SoIT.

This academic misconduct policy can be applied concurrently if a student has three confirmed academic misconducts within the same semester. These school-level sanctions are in addition to all other sanctions applied.

### *Procedures*

Instructors will follow the process outlined in the Student Code of Conduct to process each instance of alleged academic misconduct. The instructor may elect to (1) report academic misconduct, (2) hold an educational consultation with the student, or (3) leave the incident off of the student's record.

The SoIT academic misconduct process will take effect after the student is found to have committed the misconduct and the processing of the university-level academic misconduct instance is completed.

At the end of each semester, a SoIT staff member will count the number of closed academic misconduct incidents committed by the student. Each student on the list will be notified as follows:

One Academic Misconduct incident: A warning letter signed by the School Director will be sent to the student outlining the gravity of academic misconduct and its violation of the SoIT Core

Values. The letter will warn the student of implications of any future misconduct and the sanctions that will be imposed for the second and third misconducts.

Two Academic Misconduct incidents: The student will be disqualified for scholarships, assistantships, or recognition awards from the SoIT for the remainder of their studies in the degree program in which the academic misconducts took place.

Three Academic Misconduct incidents: The student will be dismissed from the SoIT and disqualified from admission to any SoIT academic program.

The consequences will be applied in the semester that follows the date of determination of the academic misconduct.

A student who has been terminated under this policy may appeal the decision by following the University Graduate Student Grievance Policies (<http://grad.uc.edu/student-life/policies/grievances.html>) or <https://www.uc.edu/about/registrar/grades-and-transcripts/academic-standing/academic-standing-appeals.html>

This policy will take effect at the start of the semester that follows the date of approval and apply to all students enrolled in SoIT programs. The policy will apply to academic misconduct incidents that occurred after the effective date.