

Department of Agronomy and Horticulture

Academic Integrity Statement

1. All course syllabi should include the following statement:  
“Academic integrity is an essential indicator of the student’s ethical standards. For this reason students are expected to adhere to guidelines concerning academic honesty outlined in Section 4.2 of University’s Student Code of Conduct which can be found at <http://stuafs.unl.edu/ja/code/three.shtml>. Students are encouraged to contact the instructor to seek clarification of these guidelines whenever they have questions and/or potential concerns.”
2. The following procedures may or may not be included in the syllabus, but outline the general operation of enforcing and appealing academic integrity (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) violations.
  - a. Breaches of academic integrity and their consequences vary considerably, so it is not possible to outline one set of absolute chain of consequences for every situation
  - b. Each instructor may impose a consequence(s) for a breach of academic integrity in his/her own course, consistent with the magnitude of the breach. The consequences may range from reduced credit for a test or assignment to failure in the course.
  - c. If the student feels that the consequence(s) imposed are inappropriate, the student should discuss the matter first with the instructor within 7 days of the incident.
  - d. If the student is still dissatisfied with the consequences imposed, he/she may appeal to the Department Head or his/her designee within 14 days of the incident.
  - e. If the student is dissatisfied with the results of his/her appeal to the Department Head, then he/she may appeal to the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources within 21 days of the incident.
  - f. Further appeal may be pursued with the University Judicial Officer as described in <http://stuafs.unl.edu/ja/code/three.shtml>.
  - g. The course instructor will inform the student’s academic advisor of the final disposition of the breach of academic integrity within 7 days after the final decision.