

My Instructor Says I Cheated: What's Next?

When a course instructor suspects that a student has violated the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Honor Code, they must report the incident and follow the Honor System process. You should cooperate with both your course instructor and the Undergraduate Honor System (UHS) throughout the process.

1. You should receive an initial email from your Honor Council Delegate. Reply to that email to schedule an appointment to meet with your Honor Council Delegate.
2. Be honest.
3. Listen to why your course instructor suspects that an Honor Code violation has occurred.
4. Politely convey any questions or concerns that you have regarding the allegations of academic misconduct to your Honor Council Delegate.
5. Ensure that you fully understand the allegations of academic misconduct and the course instructor's recommended sanction prior to completing the Violation Report Form.
6. Decide if you do or do not accept responsibility, and understand what the consequences for both options are.

*If you have a previous violation of the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Honor Code, the subsequent violations **must be referred** to the Honor Council for a hearing panel.*