

## 10 Reasons Why Reporting is a Requirement

1. Unless the student is reported in the student conduct database, they will not be referred to the Academic Integrity Workshop (which is an important part of our strategy to help reduce future incidents by same student).
2. You may hope “I’ll never do it again” will be enough. So, maybe, did previous instructors.
3. Students talk. Other students will know when instructors don’t enforce academic integrity. This fosters a counterproductive environment of condonation.
4. Students have a fundamental legal right to due process. No mark deduction or other academic disciplinary measure should be applied for academic misconduct without reporting.
5. Failing to address academic misconduct puts honest students at a disadvantage by failing to maintain a fair learning environment.
6. Reporting is what creates the basis for progressive discipline (administrative penalties) where warranted.
7. Reporting allows us to collect data which informs how we allocate resources and provide more support for both students and faculty.
8. Failing to report can negatively impact the reputation and standing of the College by devaluing the credentials that it issues.
9. It’s policy for a reason. It calls on all faculty to be consistent, judicious and transparent in the enforcement of the rules we set. In order to build a culture of academic integrity, students must see us follow through on the policy.
10. It’s the right thing to do in accordance with the values of academic integrity: honesty, responsibility, trust, fairness and courage.

For more information about building a culture of academic integrity, click on the graphic to view resources on the College website..



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