

Academic Policies

Academic Misconduct

Students at Clarion University shall maintain a high standard of honesty in scholastic work. As members of the university community, students have a responsibility to be familiar with the conduct regulations found in the university catalogs, [Student Rights, Regulations, and Procedures Online Handbook](#), and other university documents. Among the conduct regulations addressed are acts of academic dishonesty, including plagiarism or cheating on assignments, examinations, or other academic work, or without prior approval of the instructor, submitting work already done for another course.

Any member of the academic community may bring complaints of academic dishonesty against a student. Sanctions for academic dishonesty can range from a failing grade on a particular assignment or examination to dismissal from the university based on the seriousness of the action and whether it is part of a pattern of academic dishonesty. Instructors imposing a lowered or failing grade on an assignment or course because of a charge of academic dishonesty must inform the student. Students have the right to appeal instructor decisions ([Student Rights, Regulations, and Procedures Online Handbook](#)) either through the grade-appeal process (see section on "Student Rights in the Classroom") or directly to the Conduct Board (see section on "Adjudication Appeals") depending on the nature of the dispute. Sanctions extending beyond a particular course, such as suspension or dismissal from an academic program or from the university, can only be imposed as the result of complaints filed under the Disciplinary Procedures Code and after Formal Hearings under this code.

Academic Integrity

I will expect students to demonstrate personal and academic integrity, to be open to new ideas, and to share in a community where individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures help one another grow intellectually, socially, and personally. I expect students to achieve, not just to get by. Students should strive for a high level of academic performance and to be responsible, contributing citizens within the college and in outside communities.

Disability Support Services

If you are a student with a documented disability and require accommodations, you must register with the University's Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) and provide current documentation to DSS which identifies the disability and need for accommodation(s). Students must meet with DSS to discuss requested accommodations. Students must provide instructors with appropriate notification from DSS of the approved accommodation as early in the semester as possible. The Office of Disability Support Services can be reached by calling (814) 393-2095 and is located in Becht Hall.

Title IX Reporting Violations

Clarion University and its faculty are committed to assuring a safe and productive educational environment for all students. In order to meet this commitment and to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and guidance from the Office for Civil Rights, the University requires faculty members to report incidents of sexual violence shared by students to the University's Title IX Coordinator. The only exceptions to the faculty member's reporting obligation are when incidents of sexual violence are communicated by a student during a classroom discussion, in a writing assignment for a class, or as part of a University-approved research project. Faculty members are obligated to report sexual violence or any other abuse of a student who was, or is, a child (a person under 18 years of age) when the abuse allegedly occurred to the person designated in the University protection of minors policy. Information regarding the reporting of sexual violence and the resources that are available to victims of sexual violence is set forth at the Office of Social Equity/Title IX webpage <http://www.clarion.edu/about-clarion/offices-and-administration/university-support-and-business/office-of-social-equity/policies-and-compliance/sexual-misconduct-definitions-and-faq.html> and <http://www.clarion.edu/titleix>.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of a bomb threat, tornado, or fire, students and staff may be asked to evacuate the building or move to a secure location within the building. Evacuation routes for movement to an external location or to a shelter will be discussed during the first class. If you have a disability that may require assistance during an evacuation, please let your faculty know at the end of the first class.

In the event of emergency or preventative lockdowns the procedures indicated at <http://www.clarion.edu/about-clarion/offices-and-administration/public-affairs/marketing-and-communication/emergency-information/active-shooter-and-lockdown-procedures.html> will be followed.

Emergency Closure

It is the policy of Clarion University to maintain services on a normal basis throughout the year. In some instances emergencies arise which require the university to determine if it is prudent and reasonable to offer classes or require employees to report to work. Since the university is a residential campus, special consideration will always be given to the fact that a majority of students live on or in close proximity to the campus. This always requires that the university be certain that regular services, outside of classroom instruction, are provided for resident students in the event of an emergency.

Eagle Alerts

Students are encouraged to sign up for Eagle alerts at <http://www.clarion.edu/about-clarion/offices-and-administration/public-affairs/marketing-and-communication/emergency-information/eagle-alerts.html>. Please read to documentation carefully to ensure compliance and any text messaging charges associated with this service.