



Academic Integrity Expectations for KIN Graduate Students

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Academic Integrity Expectations

Expectations related to academic integrity are published in the following documents. KIN graduate students are expected to understand and abide by these policies and guidelines. KIN faculty members are expected to discuss issues related to academic integrity with graduate students at “teachable moments” including, but not limited to, graduate student orientation meetings, advising sessions, lab/research meetings, and KIN courses.

- *MSU Regulations, Ordinances and Policies Regarding Academic Honesty and Integrity* (<http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/RegsOrdsPolicies.html>). Topics include: (a) protection of scholarship and grades; (b) examinations; and (c) academic freedom.
- *Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities* (<http://www.vps.msu.edu/SpLife/default.pdf>), especially Article 2. Article 2 focuses on academic rights and responsibilities for graduate students.
- *Guidelines for Integrity in Research and Creative Activities* (<http://grad.msu.edu/integrity.htm>). Topics include: (a) honesty in proposing, performing, and reporting research; (b) recognition of prior work; (c) confidentiality in peer review; (d) disclosure of potential conflicts of interest; (e) compliance with institutional and sponsor requirements; (f) protection of human subjects and humane care of animals in the conduct of research; (g) collegiality in scholarly interactions and sharing of resources; and (h) adherence to fair and open relationships between senior scholars and their coworkers.

Disciplinary Procedures

Adjudication of cases involving graduate student rights and responsibilities shall be conducted according to Article 5 of *Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities* (<http://www.vps.msu.edu/SpLife/default.pdf>), which describes judicial procedures at the department, college, and university levels. Regarding departmental procedures, Article 5.1.2 states:

“Adjudication necessitated on the department/school level may be handled informally or, at the request of a party or parties, formally through a department/school hearing board. The hearing board shall be composed of the unit administrator or designee and equal numbers of faculty and graduate students selected by their respective groups in accordance with the department/school bylaws. If the unit administrator is involved in the case, neither the unit administrator nor the designee may serve on the hearing board.”

In the Department of Kinesiology, the unit administrator is the department chairperson. If a hearing board is needed, two or more faculty members shall be selected by the KIN Faculty Advisory Committee and an equal number of graduate students shall be selected by the elected officers of the KIN Graduate Student Organization. If the KIN Graduate Student Organization is not functional, the graduate student representatives to the hearing board shall be selected at random from currently enrolled graduate students who have completed at least 18 credits of study in a KIN degree program. Hearing boards shall be appointed on an ad hoc basis to adjudicate specific cases.