

# *Duke Community Standard:*

## **Your actions Your choices YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

*As the academic year comes to a close,  
pressures mount and temptation to take shortcuts may arise.*

*Make the right choice.*

*Professors are often more accommodating than you think.*

*Reach out to them before sacrificing your integrity.*

### **Real Cases from the Undergraduate Judicial Board:**

Adam started writing a paper the night before it was due. He rushed to finish it but fell asleep at some point. He awoke in the morning and tried to complete the paper but forgot to add citations for the information he included from outside sources. He also used sources verbatim without using quotes and neglected to include a bibliography in his rush to turn the paper in on time.

Adam's professor noticed the problems and sent his paper to the Dean of Students Office. The Undergraduate Judicial Board found Adam responsible for Academic Dishonesty, namely Cheating (Plagiarism). He was suspended from Duke for two semesters and will remain on Disciplinary Probation until he graduates.

Jane took a final exam in Economics spring semester. The professor handed out multiple versions of the test. Students were seated very closely together. Upon grading the multiple choice section of the exam, the professor noticed that Jane had incorrect answers for the version she was given but correct answers for one of the other versions.

The case was heard three days before graduation. Jane was found responsible for Academic Dishonesty, namely Cheating. She was prohibited from participating in graduation exercises and suspended for two semesters, resulting in delayed conferral of her degree.