Handling Academic Misconduct and Difficult Students
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Dealing with academic misconduct and disruptive students can be less intimidating when you know the rights of students and faculty and the steps to take when dealing with these issues. Student Conduct coordinates with the University judicial system, which provides an opportunity to confront and resolve academic, residential, student conduct, and disciplinary conflicts. It is important to handle student disciplinary matters following methods which guarantee due process to all students.

**Key Takeaways**
- Encourage academic honesty in your courses by providing clear instructions in the syllabus, answering questions, discussing consequences up front and providing students resources.
- Follow the academic misconduct process if an incident occurs.
- Provide a definition of disruptive behavior in the syllabus and discuss the possible consequences up to and including submission of an Incident Report to Student Conduct for adjudication.
- When in doubt about issues of plagiarism or student conduct, contact Student Conduct for consultation and recommendations.

**Next Steps**
- Ensure your syllabus contains statements on academic integrity and student expectations, and include a link to the Student Conduct website: [niu.edu/conduct](http://niu.edu/conduct)
- Review the Incident Reporting explanation and the Academic Misconduct Incident Report Form on the Student Conduct website.

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**Resources**
- PowerPoint presentation: [facdev.niu.edu/tei16misconduct](http://facdev.niu.edu/tei16misconduct)
- Student Conduct: [niu.edu/conduct](http://niu.edu/conduct)
- Student Code of Conduct: [go.niu.edu/student-code](http://go.niu.edu/student-code)