

Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct includes dishonest behaviour in assessment. This can include copying, cheating and plagiarism, and all other dishonest practice in assessment. EIT will treat academic misconduct seriously. Section 11 of the Academic Statute lists the penalties for academic misconduct. Penalties range from a warning through to suspension from the programme. All instances of academic misconduct are reported.

There are many ways of being academically dishonest.

Here are some examples:

- **Misrepresentation, this includes:**
 - Working together with another person or people for the purpose of deceiving the assessor as to who is actually responsible for producing the material submitted for assessment. This is known as collusion
 - Helping someone else to be dishonest. If this is discovered both students will be disciplined
 - Handing in the work of another person as your own, even if that other person gave permission
 - Buying an already prepared assignment from anywhere or anyone and handing part or all of it in as if it is your own
 - Pretending to be someone else
 - Forging forms
 - Lying about anything, including education or professional background

- **Copying, this includes:**
 - Copying from another student or the internet
 - Scanning or doing 'copy and paste' from another source or copying by hand
 - Copying a sentence or passage but changing a few words or the order of words

- **Fabrication (making things up), this includes:**
 - Making up data for an experiment
 - Altering data

- Inventing information
- Citing non-existent articles
- Citing information as coming from one place when it has come from another

- **Gaining unfair advantage, this includes:**
 - Taking unauthorised material into an exam
 - Interfering with another student's efforts in an exam or assignment
 - Continuing to write after the end of an exam
 - Lying about the need for an extension
 - Destroying, hiding, removing, or keeping library materials
 - Hacking into a computer system
 - Constructing or introducing viruses to any computer system
 - Copying a computer programme or data belonging to someone else

EIT encourages collaboration (students working together and learning from each other). However, working in a group and contributing less, little, or nothing to the group but then claiming an equal share of the marks is not acceptable.

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