

# ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

» *WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU  
RECEIVE AN ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT  
ALLEGATION?*

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## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is expected that students will act with academic integrity in pursuit of scholarly achievement. That is, students will act with honesty, fairness and respect.

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This occurs when a student has breached academic integrity regulations and the breach is determined to be more than minor.

### TYPES OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT INCLUDE:

#### PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is when you use another person's work or ideas and pass them off as your own by failing to give appropriate acknowledgement. Self-plagiarism is copying parts or all of your own past assignments and resubmitting them.

#### COLLUSION

Collusion is unauthorised collaboration on assessable written, oral or practical work with another person or persons.

#### CONTRACT CHEATING

This occurs when you engage another person or organisation to complete parts or all of your assessment task usually for financial or other type of payment.

A breach can also occur if you complete an assessment task for another student directly or via a third party service.

#### FRAUD

Fraud happens when you submit false information relating to an assessment such as a forged medical certificate for special consideration or forged signature of a placement supervisor.

#### UNAUTHORISED DISTRIBUTION OF COURSE-RELATED MATERIALS

This is when you breach copyright by sharing, selling, or giving course material produced by Monash to another person or organisation outside of Monash.

When you share, sell or give course-related material produced by yourself or other students without the permission of the Chief Examiner, this is a form of unauthorised distribution.

## EXAM MISCONDUCT

This is when you cheat or attempt to cheat in an exam and includes the use of unauthorised material.

## UNAUTHORISED USE OF AI

This is when you use an Artificial Intelligence tool without permission.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THERE IS A CONCERN ABOUT THE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF MY WORK?

When there is a suspected breach of the Student Academic Integrity Policy you will be informed about the suspected conduct and asked to respond.

## WHAT IF I MADE AN HONEST MISTAKE?

If found that your conduct was not intentional or reckless, the Chief Examiner will decide on a course of action.

This can include:

- » loss of marks allocated for incorrect referencing
- » the examiner will mark the work and disregard the plagiarised material
- » the student may be required to resubmit the work in whole or in part

The outcome will be communicated in writing and you may be required to participate in additional academic skills development.

A warning will be recorded for 7 years on the University Academic Integrity Register to indicate that you have been counselled and educated about academic integrity rules. The warning will not be recorded on your student file or testamur.

## WHAT IF THE BREACH WAS INTENTIONAL?

If the Chief Examiner determines that the breach was intentional or reckless they will report the matter to the Responsible Officer. The matter is then considered with reference to Monash University (Council) Regulations Part 7 - Student Discipline.

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