

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MADRAS
Academic Section

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Sub: Graded punishments to the students who indulge in unfair means
during all examinations and assignments

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It is brought to the notice of all the students that the following graded punishments approved by the Senate will be imposed on those who indulge in Academic Malpractices - unfair means during all examinations and assignments:

I For rude behavior:

- a) Severe warning shall be issued to a student who is found to display rude behavior towards fellow students / invigilators.
- b) The student is liable to be expelled from the examination hall.
- c) In such cases, the parents of that student would be informed of such indiscipline.

II Malpractices and corresponding Punishments:

	Nature of Malpractice	Recommended Punishment
1.	Communicating with neighbors in the examination hall	The erring student(s) shall be awarded 'U' grade in the subject concerned and 30 hours of library work.
2.	Possessing incriminating* materials inside the examination hall (or) Possessing the answer book of another candidate (or) Passing on answer book to another student (or) Exchange of question papers, with some answers jotted down on them (or) Individual referral of material/discussion with other students, during visit outside the examination hall	The Discipline and Welfare of Students Sub-committee shall have the discretion to recommend one of the following punishments in addition to confiscation of materials and hold till the decision is given. i) The student(s) shall be given a U grade in that subject and shall be on probation for a repeat academic offence until the student(s) complete(s) the requirements of the intended degree. Within the probation period, if the student(s) is (are) proved guilty of a repeat academic offence, the student(s) shall be awarded a 'U' grade in all the subjects in the concerned semester. (or) ii) If the DWC is convinced about the grave nature of an academic offence, other than the possibilities given in (2), the student shall be awarded a 'U' grade in all the subjects in the concerned semester.
3.	Impersonation in the examination	The concerned student i) shall be awarded 'U' grade in all subjects, in the concerned semester and ii) Shall be debarred from attending classes and taking examinations in the next two subsequent semesters.
4.	a) Plagiarism in graded assignments for the first time b) Repeated Plagiarism	i) '0' marks for copied assignment And ii) One grade less in the subject and In case of 'E' or 'U' or 'P' grade obtained, then same grade to be retained in the concerned semester and 50 hours of library work 'U' Grade in the course

5.	Plagiarism/ Data Manipulation in documents related to projects, research activities, thesis, etc.	Expert committee will be constituted by Dean (Academic Research) for MS / Ph.D. scholars and by Dean (Academic Courses) for B.Tech / DD / M.Tech students. For lower level of offense Recommended
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6.	Discontinuing the program/ course without completing the proper relieving formalities of the Institute for the purpose of pursuing a job/any reason.	1. Hostel & Institute Caution Deposit will be forfeited. & 2. Prorated hostel fees for the period the hostel room was locked to be settled by the student0. & 3. Tuition fees to be paid for the full semester during which the student has discontinued the program. & 4. To refund the HTTA/HTRA received after the date of discontinuation.
7.	Forging of any document.	Two Semesters compulsory withdrawal from the programme.

(* incriminating materials include written/printed material; unauthorized additional sheets without or with write-ups, bits, scribbles on scales / handkerchief / on the body; abuse of calculator / organizer / cell phone, etc.)

III Students, who were given any of the above punishments, will not be eligible to seek Supplementary Exam or Contact Course in the subject concerned.

**Sd/-
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