

Academic Integrity

Quick Guide for Students

What is Academic Integrity?

Academic integrity is about the honest presentation of your academic work. It means acknowledging the work of others while developing your own insights, knowledge and ideas.

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is when you present the work, ideas or creations of another person, without appropriate citations, as if it is your own.

Why is plagiarism wrong?

- It is a form of fraud—you are stealing someone else's work and ideas.
- It may be a breach of copyright law.
- You are denying yourself a valuable learning experience.
- It devalues the original work of other students.
- It goes against the university's principle of graduating independent thinkers.

Resources

Turnitin plagiarism detection software

You can use Turnitin to check your assignments.

Teachers may use Turnitin to check assignments and identify students who need assistance with referencing and research skills.

www.rmit.edu.au/students/support-and-facilities/it-services-for-students/canvas/turnitin

Learning Lab

Improve your general academic study, writing and maths, statistics, physics and chemistry skills.

emedia.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/content/referencing

Library referencing guides

Will help you correctly reference your information sources.

www.rmit.edu.au/library/study/referencing

RMIT Assessment policy

RMIT has set policies and guidelines concerning assessment and plagiarism.

<https://policies.rmit.edu.au/document/view.php?id=7>

Be Responsible



Be Honest

You must reference, that is provide evidence, for:

- thoughts, ideas, definitions or or theories
- research and other studies
- statistics
- information from the Internet, including images and media
- designs or works of art
- acts that are not common knowledge

Value Integrity

Academic integrity values:

- ✓ Honesty
- ✓ Fairness
- ✓ Trust
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Responsibility

Be Responsive



You Must Not

- Plagiarise
- Cheat in an exam
- Copy or submit whole or parts of computer files as if they are your own
- Submit purchased pre-written or on-demand papers from cheat sites and essay writing companies.

Possible Consequences

- Assessment failure
- Course failure
- Cancelled results
- Suspension (up to 12 months)
- Expulsion

Whatever the penalty, it will be recorded in your student file and on the University's plagiarism database.