

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY MATTERS

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STUDENT GUIDE TO ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

"All staff and students have an obligation to act in an ethical manner, consistent with the requirements of academic integrity"

- GMIT Policy on Plagiarism, p. 1

WHAT IS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY?

Academic integrity is about the honest presentation of your college assignments and exams. It means acknowledging the work of others while developing and presenting 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. This can be planned or entirely unintentional so we need to be careful.

WHY IS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IMPORTANT?

Academic integrity is important in everything you do here in GMIT - your assignments, labs, team work and exams. It means people will trust and value your work and qualifications because they are authentic and they acknowledge the work of others that inspired you.

HOW DO I MAKE SURE IT'S MY OWN WORK?

Pressure can lead us to taking short cuts which can result in academic dishonesty so plan out your study, revise in time, understand the material you have. Seek help within GMIT if you are falling behind.

Referencing correctly is a skill you need to learn. When you know how to quote, paraphrase and summarise other people's work you will avoid unintentional plagiarism.

WHAT IF I BREACH ACADEMIC INTEGRITY?

There are disciplinary procedures in the Code of Conduct to ensure a fair hearing. If you are found to be in breach of academic conduct the penalties range from reprimand to expulsion depending on the severity of the breach.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY CHECKLIST

Before submitting your assignments or exam papers make sure you have...

- ☐ Clearly identified and referenced quotations, summaries or paraphrases, images, figures, and diagrams taken from another source.
- ☐ Paraphrased and/or summarised adequately.
- ☐ Included a complete and accurate reference list or bibliography of all work cited.
- ☐ Acknowledged other people's texts or ideas.
- ☐ Not used another student's work or submitted someone else's work as your own.
- ☐ Asked for help (before the deadline) if you are not sure!

BE HONEST

Be honest and give credit where credit is due.

Academic integrity values and promotes...

HONESTY

TRUST

FAIRNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

BE COMMITTED

Sign the Academic Integrity Declaration

Remember that when you take an exam or submit any college assignment you will be asked to sign a disclaimer stating that you understand plagiarism and any form of cheating is a serious academic offence, and that GMIT deals with it according to the GMIT Code of Conduct.

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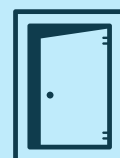
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I THINK I GOT THIS

Great! Now try take the quiz to test your knowledge of academic integrity based on some common scenarios you might meet in college.

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