



Academic Integrity Policy

1. Context

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, hereafter referred to as Trinity, is committed to upholding academic integrity, and recognises that it underpins all aspects of university life, including all activities relating to research, learning, assessment, and scholarship.

Trinity therefore considers academic misconduct to be serious and academically fraudulent and an offence against academic integrity that is subject to the Trinity procedures in cases of suspected misconduct.

This policy should be read in conjunction with (and is subject to) the University Calendar, Part II and Part III on Academic Integrity. This policy replaces the Plagiarism Policy.

2. Purpose

The policy provides a coherent approach to inform and educate students and staff about upholding academic integrity and avoiding academic misconduct.

3. Benefits

- 3.1 The policy contributes to a shared understanding for staff and students of what constitutes academic integrity and academic misconduct.
- 3.2 It supports and fosters academic integrity across the undergraduate and postgraduate student body.
- 3.3 It supports staff in upholding academic integrity by providing a robust framework for addressing academic misconduct.

4. Scope

This policy applies to all staff, and undergraduate and postgraduate students at Trinity.



5. Principles

Staff and students of Trinity College Dublin must commit themselves to acting responsibly and ethically, embracing integrity in all actions and interactions as members of the College community, in keeping with the Council approved [Statement on Integrity](#).

6. Definitions

All definitions relating to academic integrity and academic misconduct are listed in the [Curriculum Glossary](#).

7. Policy

7.1 All staff and students must uphold the principles of academic integrity and adhere to the regulations as outlined by the University.

7.2 All staff and students must inform academic integrity and the General Regulations that pertain to academic integrity, which can be found in the [University Calendar](#), Parts II and III.

7.3 Programme handbooks must contain Trinity's specified section on academic integrity in accordance with the [Programme Handbook Policy](#).

7.4 Levels of academic misconduct are defined within the regulations and different consequences are applied according to the level. The levels and consequences can be found at [Consequences of Academic Misconduct - Academic Affairs, Trinity Teaching and Learning - Trinity College Dublin \(tcd.ie\)](#).

7.5 Students must read and understand the [Library Guide on Academic Integrity](#) and complete the [Ready, Steady, Write plagiarism tutorial](#), as specified by Trinity.

7.6 All students must complete a signed declaration to be submitted with all assessed coursework, declaring that they have read and understood the Library guide and completed the online tutorial, and that the assignment/coursework submitted by them is their own work. See <https://libguides.tcd.ie/academic-integrity/declaration>.



7.7 All breaches of academic integrity must be recorded on SITS, guidance on which can be found at <https://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-affairs/academic-integrity/recording-in-sits/>.

7.8 Records relating to academic misconduct will be retained in accordance with the [Trinity Records Management Policy](#) and [Trinity Data Protection Policy](#) and in compliance with data protection law, specifically the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (“GDPR”) and the Data Protection Acts 1988-2018.

8. Responsibility

8.1 The responsibility for this policy lies with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies/Senior Lecturer and the Dean of Graduate Studies as appropriate.

9. Related Documents

- 9.1 [The University Calendar, Parts II and III](#)
- 9.2 [Curriculum Glossary](#)
- 9.3 [Procedures in cases of suspected misconduct](#)
- 9.4 [Library Guide on Academic Integrity](#)
- 9.5 [Policy on Good Research Practice](#)
- 9.6 [Programme Handbook Policy](#)
- 9.7 [Data Protection](#)

10. Document Control

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