MIT’s Policy on Academic Integrity

Under the Academic Integrity policy, academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following examples:

- **Cheating:** Taking unfair advantage when completing academic work.
- **Plagiarism:** Using someone else’s words, ideas, or research without giving them appropriate credit.
- **Unauthorized collaboration:** Working with others to complete an assignment in a manner that is not permitted by the course policy.
- **Falsification of information or data:** Misrepresenting one’s academic work or misrepresenting facts to gain academic advantage.
- **Research misconduct:** Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or deliberate interference in research activities.
- **Facilitating academic dishonesty:** Assisting another student in doing any of the above academic misconduct examples.

Best Practices

There is often an underlying reason why students engage in academic misconduct, whether it is course-related or more of a personal issue. Set yourself up for success by following these best practices:

- **Always cite your sources.**
- **Choose a manageable course load.** Talk to your academic advisor or faculty in your department about building an attainable course schedule that won’t leave you feeling overwhelmed.
- **Make sure you understand course policies on academic integrity.** It is up to individual instructors to decide what is permitted in their courses. Do not assume that academic integrity policies will be the same from course to course.
- **When in doubt, talk to the course instructor - the earlier, the better.**

Resources

Feeling overwhelmed and looking for someone to talk to? Want to learn more about academic integrity at MIT? The following resources are available to undergraduate and graduate students:

- **Academic Integrity Handbook**
- **Mind and Hand Book**
- **Course syllabus or website**
- **Course instructors**
- **Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards**
- **Student Support Services** (undergraduates)
- **GradSupport** (graduates)
- **Student Mental Health and Counseling Services**

Still have questions about Academic Integrity at MIT? Contact us at oscs@mit.edu.