

Academic Integrity in Assessments

As a student, you will be required to complete a range of assessments at University. It can be an individual or group assignment or a mix of both. It's important to read the assessment guidance in the module handbook or you can also ask your tutor for support.



How can you demonstrate academic integrity in my assessment?

When you complete my assessment you must be **honest, truthful and respectful** towards yourself and others within the academic community.

You can demonstrate academic integrity in a number of ways:

- Ensure my assessment is completed only by me
- Reference other people's work and ideas
- Include only my own ideas in my work
- Show respect to others by not copying their work
- Don't copy any of my own work that I previously submitted

Following these behaviours helps you to develop strong academic skills which can be transferred to future employment.



Behaviours to avoid in online assessments and online exams are:

- Communicating with others
- Borrowing or sharing materials
- Using materials that my tutor has said I am not allowed to use
- Paying someone to assist me with the online assessment or exam

Typical examples of academic misconduct that I should be familiar with and avoid:

- Copying and plagiarism
- Collusion
- Self-plagiarism
- Purchasing or commissioning my work
- Dishonest use of data

Preventing and detecting academic misconduct

Assessments are compared to other students' work and other academic sources to look for similarity. Some assessments are run through a computerised software which detects plagiarism. The University has multiple ways to investigate academic misconduct. Last year a number of students were investigated and most were penalised.



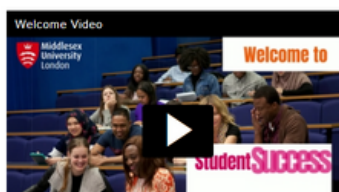
Penalties for academic misconduct

- Committing an academic misconduct offence is serious and has negative implications for my degree and future.
- This includes resitting the online assessment again or repeating the whole module, and no matter how well I do in the module or assessment I will be awarded with only a pass.
- A misconduct flag will also be applied to my record and I might be expelled.

We have put together an online course called Student Success Essentials which covers how to complete assessments with integrity and avoid academic misconduct.

[Click here](#) to complete the online course today within My Learning.

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Support

There is plenty of support at the University to help you avoid collusion:

- LET - The Learning Enhancement Team (LET) provide free support with Academic Writing & Language and Maths, Stats & Numeracy.
- Library - The library have good resources on referencing and plagiarism.
- UniHelp - UniHelp is the first place to go as they can direct you to the relevant services. Click [here](#) to access their services.