

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.

