

# Academic Integrity

## Quick Guide for Students

### What is Academic Integrity?

Academic integrity is about the honest presentation of your academic work. It means acknowledging the work of others while developing 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.

#### Why is plagiarism wrong?

- It is a form of fraud—you are stealing someone else's work and ideas.
- It may be a breach of copyright law.
- You are denying yourself a valuable learning experience.
- It devalues the original work of other students.
- It goes against the university's principle of graduating independent thinkers.

## Resources

**Turnitin** plagiarism detection software

You can use Turnitin to check your assignments.

Teachers may use Turnitin to check assignments and identify students who need assistance with referencing and research skills.

[www.rmit.edu.au/students/support-and-facilities/it-services-for-students/canvas/turnitin](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/support-and-facilities/it-services-for-students/canvas/turnitin)

#### Learning Lab

Improve your general academic study, writing and maths, statistics, physics and chemistry skills.

[emedial.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/content/referencing](http://emedial.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/content/referencing)

#### Library referencing guides

Will help you correctly reference your information sources.

[www.rmit.edu.au/library/study/referencing](http://www.rmit.edu.au/library/study/referencing)

#### RMIT Assessment policy

RMIT has set policies and guidelines concerning assessment and plagiarism.

<https://policies.rmit.edu.au/document/view.php?id=7>

## Be Responsible



### Be Honest

You must reference, that is provide evidence, for:

- thoughts, ideas, definitions or theories
- research and other studies
- statistics
- information from the Internet, including images and media
- designs or works of art
- acts that are not common knowledge

### Value Integrity

Academic integrity values:

- ✓ Honesty
- ✓ Fairness
- ✓ Trust
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Responsibility

## Be Responsive



### You Must Not

- Plagiarise
- Cheat in an exam
- Copy or submit whole or parts of computer files as if they are your own
- Submit purchased pre-written or on-demand papers from cheat sites and essay writing companies.

### Possible Consequences

- Assessment failure
- Course failure
- Cancelled results
- Suspension (up to 12 months)
- Expulsion

*Whatever the penalty, it will be recorded in your student file and on the University's plagiarism database.*