



Purpose

1. This policy sets out the principles that promote and uphold academic integrity in all forms of learning undertaken at UniSA in alignment with the requirements of the Higher Education Standards Framework and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.
2. This policy is to be read in conjunction with the [Academic Integrity Procedure](#) and associated documentation.

Scope

3. This policy applies to students undertaking UniSA coursework in award degrees, or other forms of learning offered by the University.
4. This policy applies to current and past enrolments in all forms of learning.

Exclusions

5. Integrity breaches associated with research will be managed in accordance with the [Research Integrity Policy](#) and the [Research Degrees Student Research Misconduct Procedure](#).

Responsibilities

6. Academic Board is the approving authority for this policy.
7. The Teaching Innovation Unit is responsible for coordinating the management of and reporting of academic integrity.
8. Executive Deans and Directors (or delegates) are responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy, the associated procedure, and other relevant documentation in their Units.
9. All University students, staff and representatives must comply with the provisions of this policy and with all the associated procedures.

Policy Principles

10. UniSA holds academic integrity and ethical behaviour as foundational values that apply to all members of the University community. These values are fundamental to the reputation of the University as an ethically responsible institution.

11. All cases of alleged academic misconduct will be managed in a fair and transparent manner, free from bias and discrimination, in accordance with the [Academic Integrity Procedure](#) and associated documentation.
12. The University is committed to excellence in teaching and learning and expects all staff and students to act with integrity in their academic work and practice.
13. The University community will maintain the principles of academic integrity and acknowledge that monitoring and reporting is a shared responsibility (including staff, students, adjuncts, and industry partners).
14. The University is committed to an educative approach to managing academic integrity. Staff and students will be provided with guidance about what constitutes academic misconduct and steps will be taken to address the underlying causes of academic misconduct.
15. Academic Units and UniSA Online will appoint two or more Academic Integrity Officers to manage instances of academic misconduct and to provide leadership in academic integrity in their Academic Units.
16. The University will monitor and report on breaches of academic integrity for quality assurance and continuous improvement purposes.

Definitions

Academic integrity means a commitment to act with honesty, trustworthiness, fairness, respect, and responsibility in all academic work, and in professional practice.

Academic misconduct is any action which contravenes the principles of academic integrity, including but not limited to:

- plagiarism
 - directly copying of material from electronic or print resources without acknowledging the source
 - closely paraphrasing sentences or whole passages without referencing the original work
 - submitting another student's work in whole or in part, unless this is specifically allowed in the Course Outline
 - using another person's ideas, work, or research data without acknowledgement
 - appropriating or imitating another's ideas unless this is specifically allowed in the Course Outline.
- a breach of examination procedures that has been determined to be a breach of academic integrity
- presenting/submitting documents or data that are copied, falsified, or in any way obtained improperly
- presenting/submitting academic work that has involved significant assistance from a third party (person(s) or application), unless this has been specifically allowed in the Course Outline
- collusion
 - cooperation with one or more other students on assessable work unless this has been specifically allowed in the Course Outline
- contract cheating, i.e., purchasing of assessments from a third party noting it is a criminal offence for any person to provide or advertise academic cheating services relating to the delivery of higher education in Australia
- use of artificial intelligence (AI) software or paraphrasing tools as a form of contract cheating

- file sharing as a form of academic misconduct, for example to exchange exam questions or assignments
- providing assistance to a student in the completion and/or presentation of their academic work unless specifically allowed in the Course Outline
- falsifying or misrepresenting academic records, or any other documents

Associated Documentation

[Academic Integrity Procedure](#)

[Research Integrity Policy](#)

[Code of Conduct for Students](#)

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