

# What is Academic Misconduct?

Academic Misconduct is a set of University regulations which deal with any student who has been seen to have acted in an unacceptable or inappropriate manner in relation to their academic studies.

Academic Misconduct covers many areas including:

- Plagiarism
- Collusion
- Exam cheating
- Purchasing of academic material

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**Plagiarism** is when a student tries to pass off published work as their own, be that from a journal, website, textbook or any other published source that is not their own.

**Collusion** is when two or more students have co-operated or worked too closely together in that their submitted pieces of work are the same or have similarities in their content, style or structure.

- **Active Collusion:** a purposeful conspiracy to cheat
- **Passive Collusion:** an act of assistance with conditions
- **Theft of Materials:** Taking and using someone's work without their knowledge or permission

# How to avoid Academic Misconduct

- Do not loan your work to another student. This is passive collusion.
- Quotation marks whenever direct quotes are used.
- Reference your sources in the body of your essays and dissertation, not only in your reference list.
- Acknowledge your sources when paraphrasing, i.e. when discussing a theory or an idea.
- Paraphrasing Aps – Do Not Use Them!
- Never leave your work unattended – it might get stolen!
- Seek advice from your tutor if you are working on a joint project – cooperate but never collude.