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# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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## 2 **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND GROUP WORK**

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- **Academic Integrity** is the expectation that students act with honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility ‘
- Breaching academic integrity is also known as 'academic misconduct' or 'academic dishonesty
- To maintain academic integrity, you should avoid misleading about any part of your academic work and avoid offenses like plagiarism and contract cheating, which are examples of academic misconduct
- Using AI (Like ChatGPT) is **PROHIBITED** in writing your assignments **EXCEPT** when explicitly recommended or allowed.

# 3 GROUP WORK AND PLAGIARISM

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- The risk of plagiarism in group assignments
- Individual contributions in group work
- Various forms of plagiarism to be aware of

## 4 THE RISK OF PLAGIARISM IN GROUP WORK

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- Plagiarism in group work can occur when one or more members of a group copy, borrow, or steal text, ideas, or intellectual property without proper attribution or authorization
- Simply copying and pasting then referencing is not sufficient

## 5 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION TO GROUP WORK

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- **Failure to Contribute:** In a group project, if one member takes credit for the entire project's work when they've made little to no contribution, it can be considered academic dishonesty
- **Not Citing Group Members' Contributions:** In group work, each member should be credited for their individual contributions
- Failing to acknowledge the contributions of specific group members when they've made substantial inputs is a form of plagiarism within the group

## 6 VARIOUS FORMS OF PLAGIARISM TO BE AWARE OF

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1. **Direct Copy-Paste:** One group member copies a significant portion of text from a source, such as a book, article, or website, without using quotation marks or proper citations
2. **Paraphrasing without Attribution:** A group member takes someone else's ideas and rephrases them in their own words but fails to provide a citation or reference to the original source. Paraphrasing without proper attribution is still considered plagiarism
3. **Ghostwriting:** A group member submits work that was entirely or partially written by someone else, such as a friend, family member, or a paid writer, without disclosing this fact to the rest of the group or the instructor (this includes the use of ChatGPT)

## 7 VARIOUS FORMS OF PLAGIARISM TO BE AWARE OF

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- 4. Unauthorized Collaboration:** In group projects, collaboration is encouraged, but sometimes a group member may collaborate with individuals outside of the group without the group's knowledge or consent
- 5. Buying or Downloading Pre-Written Material:** Some students may purchase or download pre-written essays, papers, or other academic materials and submit them as their own work, either individually or as part of a group assignment

## 8 AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

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- To avoid plagiarism in group work, it's essential for all members to communicate openly, collaborate effectively, and provide proper citations and attributions for all sources and contributions.
- We will take plagiarism seriously and we will apply harsh penalties on those found guilty of it