

# Academic Integrity at MIT

This short guide is intended to help orient MIT students to MIT's expectations around Academic Integrity. For more information, please see the resources listed at the bottom of the page.

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### MIT's Policy on Academic Integrity

Under the Academic Integrity policy, academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following examples:

- **Cheating:** Taking unfair advantage when completing academic work.
- **Plagiarism:** Using someone else's words, ideas, or research without giving them appropriate credit.
- **Unauthorized collaboration:** Working with others to complete an assignment in a manner that is not permitted by the course policy.
- **Falsification of information or data:** Misrepresenting one's academic work or misrepresenting facts to gain academic advantage.
- **Research misconduct:** Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or deliberate interference in research activities.
- **Facilitating academic dishonesty:** Assisting another student in doing any of the above academic misconduct examples.

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### Best Practices

There is often an underlying reason why students engage in academic misconduct, whether it is course-related or more of a personal issue. Set yourself up for success by following these best practices:

- **Always cite your sources.**
- **Choose a manageable course load.** Talk to your academic advisor or faculty in your department about building an attainable course schedule that won't leave you feeling overwhelmed.
- **Make sure you understand course policies on academic integrity.** It is up to individual instructors to decide what is permitted in their courses. Do not assume that academic integrity policies will be the same from course to course.
- **When in doubt, talk to the course instructor - the earlier, the better.**

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### Resources

Feeling overwhelmed and looking for someone to talk to? Want to learn more about academic integrity at MIT? The following resources are available to undergraduate and graduate students:

- [Academic Integrity Handbook](#)
- [Mind and Hand Book](#)
- [Course syllabus or website](#)
- [Course instructors](#)
- [Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards](#)
- [Student Support Services](#) (undergraduates)
- [GradSupport](#) (graduates)
- [Student Mental Health and Counseling Services](#)