



Academic Integrity Policy

1. Context

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, hereafter referred to as Trinity, is committed to upholding academic integrity, and recognises that it underpins all aspects of university life, including all activities relating to research, learning, assessment, and scholarship.

Trinity therefore considers academic misconduct to be serious and academically fraudulent and an offence against academic integrity, as approved by Council in the [Statement on Academic Integrity \(2022\)](#). Academic misconduct is subject to the [Trinity Procedures in Cases of Suspected Misconduct](#)

This policy should be read in conjunction with (and is subject to) the University Calendar Parts II and Part III (with respect to Academic Integrity and the use of Gen AI), and the [Trinity College Statement on Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research](#).

2. Purpose

The policy provides a coherent approach to inform and educate students and staff about upholding academic integrity (including the inappropriate use of GenAI) and avoiding academic misconduct.

3. Benefits

- 3.1 The policy contributes to a shared understanding for staff and students of what constitutes academic integrity, academic misconduct and the inappropriate use of Gen AI.
- 3.2 It supports and fosters academic integrity across the undergraduate and postgraduate student body.
- 3.3 It supports staff in upholding academic integrity by providing a robust framework for addressing academic misconduct.

4. Scope

This policy applies to all staff, and to undergraduate and postgraduate students at Trinity.



5. Principles

- Staff and students of Trinity College Dublin must commit themselves to acting responsibly and ethically, embracing integrity in all actions and interactions as members of the College community, in keeping with the Council approved [Statement on Academic Integrity \(2022\)](#).
- Staff and students of Trinity College Dublin, when using AI and GenAI, must do so in ways that are appropriate, transparent, responsible and prioritise ethical considerations, and that ensure that academic integrity is maintained in the usage of AI and GenAI, as articulated in the [Trinity College Statement on Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research](#).
- Trinity commits to providing ongoing [resources and guidance](#) to support students and staff in the responsible and ethical use of AI and GenAI.

6. Definitions

All definitions relating to academic integrity and academic misconduct are listed in the [Curriculum Glossary](#).

7. Policy

- 7.1 All staff and students must uphold the principles of academic integrity (including the appropriate use of GenAI) and adhere to the regulations as outlined by the University.
- 7.2 All staff and students must inform themselves about academic integrity and the General Regulations that pertain to academic integrity (including the appropriate use of GenAI), which can be found in the [University Calendar](#), Parts II and III.
- 7.3 Programme handbooks must contain Trinity's specified section on academic integrity in accordance with the [Programme Handbook Core Content](#) document. Programme handbooks must also clearly outline and communicate the permitted use of GenAI by students in learning activities and assessment tasks (see recommended standard text in the [Programme Handbook Templates](#)). If individual modules have further restrictions or permit greater allowances in the use of GenAI, those restrictions or allowances must be stated in the module descriptions in the Blackboard VLE. In such circumstances, it is the module permissions regarding the use of GenAI which are deemed to be definitive for use in that module.
- 7.4 Levels of academic misconduct are defined within the regulations and different consequences are applied according to the level. The levels and consequences can be found at on the [Academic Affairs website](#).



- 7.5 Students must read and understand the [Library Guide on Academic Integrity](#) and complete the [Ready, Steady, Write plagiarism tutorial](#), as specified by Trinity.
- 7.6 Students should familiarise themselves with the [Library Guide on Generative AI](#), which outlines considerations for using and acknowledging the use of Gen AI in academic work.
- 7.7 All students must complete a signed declaration to be submitted with all assessed coursework, declaring that they have read and understood the Library guide on Academic Integrity and Generative AI, and completed the online tutorial, and that the assignment/coursework submitted by them is their own work. See <https://libguides.tcd.ie/academic-integrity/declaration>.
- 7.8 All students submitting a research dissertation or thesis for examination must include a signed declaration with it, declaring that the work is entirely their own and that it has been completed in compliance with relevant University policies such as the [Trinity Policy on Good Research Practice](#) and the [College Statement on AI and GenAI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research](#). See [Guidelines for Submission of Theses and Dissertations](#) and the [Calendar Part III](#).
- 7.9 All breaches of academic integrity must be recorded on SITS, guidance on which can be found at <https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/academic-affairs/pdfs/academic-integrity/decision-recording-in-SITS-guide.pdf>.
- 7.10 Records relating to academic misconduct will be retained in accordance with the [Trinity Records Management Policy](#) and [Trinity Data Protection Policy](#) and in compliance with data protection law, specifically the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016 ("GDPR") and the Data Protection Acts 1988-2018.

8. Responsibility

- 8.1 The responsibility for this policy lies with the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

9. Related Documents

- 9.1 [The University Calendar, Parts II and III](#)
- 9.2 [Trinity College Statement on Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research](#).
- 9.3 [College Statement on Integrity \(2022\)](#)
- 9.4 [Living Guidelines on the Responsible Use of Generative AI in Research](#).
- 9.5 [Curriculum Glossary](#)
- 9.6 [Procedures in cases of suspected academic misconduct](#)
- 9.7 [Library Guide on Academic Integrity](#)
- 9.8 [Library Guide on Generative AI](#)



- 9.9 [Policy on Good Research Practice](#)
- 9.10 [Programme Handbook Policy](#)
- 9.11 [Data Protection](#)

10. Document Control

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