

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Policy

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Policy Statement

At 21 Academy, we are committed to upholding academic integrity and ensuring that students adhere to ethical practices in their academic work. Plagiarism, which is the act of using someone else's work or ideas without proper attribution, is considered to be highly unethical and is strictly prohibited. Plagiarism undermines the learning process, hinders the development of critical thinking skills, and devalues the educational experience for both students and the institution. In order to maintain a fair and transparent academic environment, we have implemented the following Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Policy.

1. Plagiarism Detection

1.1. 21 Academy utilises anti-plagiarism software to detect instances of plagiarism in student submissions.

1.2. All students are required to submit their work through the designated anti-plagiarism software to ensure originality and authenticity.

2. Similarity Assessment

2.1. Any student work that exceeds 20% similarity index as determined by the anti-plagiarism software is flagged for manual assessment.

2.2. The identified work is assessed manually by our faculty before being sent to the respective assessor.

3. Consequences of Plagiarism:

3.1. Any work found to be plagiarised, either in part or in whole, will result in automatic failure of the assignment or examination.

3.2. Disciplinary procedures, as outlined in 21 Academy's Student Disciplinary Policy, will be initiated in cases of plagiarism.

4. Referencing Styles

- 4.1. Students are encouraged to use specific referencing styles depending on their study program.
- 4.2. Participants of Law courses must adhere to the OSCOLA referencing style.
- 4.3. For all other study programs, the Harvard referencing style is to be followed.
- 4.4. Proper citation and referencing help acknowledge the original sources and avoid any instances of unintentional plagiarism.

5. Avoidance of Excessive Quoted Text

- 5.1. Students should refrain from using excessive quoted text in their assignments.
- 5.2. Quotations should be used sparingly and only when necessary, with proper citation and acknowledging the original source.
- 5.3. Original analysis and critical thinking are highly valued in academic work.

21 Academy is committed to promoting academic honesty and maintaining the highest standards of integrity in education. Our Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Policy and Procedure, combined with the use of anti-plagiarism software, manual assessment of high similarity work, and disciplinary measures, ensures a fair and ethical learning environment. By adhering to specific referencing styles and avoiding excessive quoted text, students contribute to the originality and integrity of their work. We emphasise the importance of academic integrity and encourage all students to uphold these principles throughout their academic journey at 21 Academy.



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