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Academic Misconduct (academic disciplinary regulations)

Academic misconduct cases fall under the academic disciplinary regulations of your validating university, the University of Kent. Your School manages the process, following these regulations, when dealing with any cases of academic misconduct, until the appeal stage which is conducted by the University. The regulations and procedures governing academic discipline procedures can be found at the following links (including the right of appeal against a disciplinary decision made under these regulations), and you should consult your School tutors with any queries:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/credit-framework/creditinfoannex10.html>

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/collaborative/validation/studentinfo.html>

In Regulation V.3 of the General Regulations for Students, the University of Kent states that students are required to act with honesty and integrity in fulfilling requirements in relation to assessment of their academic progress. The following are some examples of conduct which will be regarded as a breach of the academic discipline regulation (General Regulation V.3 Academic Discipline, see Annex 10 at the link above):

- **Cheating in examinations:** including the use of unauthorised materials, mobile phones and other prohibited electronic devices;
- **Attempting to influence an examiner or teacher improperly**
- **Duplication of material:** reproducing in any submitted work any substantial amount of material used by that student in other work for assessment, either at your School, the University of Kent or elsewhere, without acknowledging that such work has been so submitted;
- **Conspiring with others** to reproduce the work of others without proper acknowledgement, including knowingly permitting work to be copied by another student;
- **Falsification of data/evidence**
- **Plagiarism:** reproducing in any work submitted for assessment or review (for example, examination answers, essays, project reports, dissertations or theses) any material derived from work authored by another without clearly acknowledging the source.

In following the University of Kent's regulations on plagiarism, your School will also treat plagiarism as a strict liability offence and so does not require evidence of intent to commit plagiarism in order to determine that an offence has occurred. However, where it is determined that the act of plagiarism has occurred as a result of poor academic practice, it is open to the Chair of the School Academic Disciplinary Committee to interpret the matter as constituting a minor offence.

Lack of understanding about any academic offence listed above will not be considered acceptable grounds in response to an allegation of plagiarism or when appealing a penalty imposed under the academic discipline procedures.

The identification of plagiarism is an academic judgement, based on a comparison across the student's work in general, and/or on knowledge of the sources, of practice in the discipline and of expectations for professional conduct. The Chair of the School Academic Disciplinary Committee, or the Committee itself, may therefore determine that plagiarism has taken place even if the source has not been identified.