

# Academic Integrity Policy



## 1 Purpose

To articulate the University's expectations for maintaining principles of Academic Integrity and honesty and provide a framework for dealing with allegations of Academic Misconduct committed by Students. Allegations of Employee Academic Misconduct would be managed in accordance with the Disciplinary Action for Misconduct or Serious Misconduct Procedure, or relevant employment contract.

## 2 Scope

This policy applies to the maintenance of Academic Integrity and honesty by all Students.

## 3 Policy Statement

The University is committed to maintaining high academic standards and considers respect for and commitment to Academic Integrity and honesty to be the responsibility of all staff and Students of the University.

## 4 Principles

Students will commit to engage in behaviour that is consistent with the University's values of integrity and honesty in academic endeavours particularly when undertaking Assessment.

The University considers behaviour by Students, which does not uphold the principles of Academic Integrity and honesty and that misrepresents their academic achievement, to be Academic Misconduct.

The University will deal appropriately, consistently and fairly with allegations and substantiated cases of Academic Misconduct.

Students who are alleged to have engaged in Academic Misconduct will be subject to a process of investigation and, if the allegation is upheld, may be subject to the imposition of remedial actions or penalties, which the University will specify in accordance with the severity of the misconduct and number of repeat offences.

Students under investigation for Student Academic Misconduct will not be eligible to graduate until the matter is resolved.

The University will focus on deterring Academic Misconduct. The University will inform students

of the need for Academic Integrity and honesty; help them identify appropriate practices; and adopt approaches to prevent Academic Misconduct.

## 5 References

Nil.

## 6 Schedules

This policy must be read in conjunction with its subordinate schedules as provided in the table below.

## 7 Policy Information

<b>Subordinate Schedules</b>	
<b>Accountable Officer</b>	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Executive Deans (BELA/HES)
<b>Policy Type</b>	Academic Quality Policy
<b>Approved Date</b>	23/5/2019
<b>Effective Date</b>	23/5/2019
<b>Review Date</b>	28/3/2017
<b>Relevant Legislation</b>	
<b>Related Policies</b>	<a href="#">Assessment Policy</a> <a href="#">Research Code of Conduct Policy</a> <a href="#">Student Code of Conduct Policy</a> <a href="#">Student Expectations and Responsibilities Policy</a>
<b>Related Procedures</b>	<a href="#">Assessment Procedure</a> <a href="#">Academic Integrity Procedure</a> <a href="#">Disciplinary Action for Misconduct or Serious Misconduct Procedure</a>
<b>Related forms, publications and websites</b>	

<b>Definitions</b>	<b>Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary</b>
	<p><a href="#">Academic Integrity</a></p> <p>The pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. Academic Integrity includes a commitment not to engage in or tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation or deception. Such acts of dishonesty violate the fundamental ethical principles of the University community and compromise the worth of work completed by others.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Academic Misconduct</a></p> <p>Academic Misconduct involves providing aid or assistance in relation to, creating or making, obtaining or acquiring, or using information, services or equipment that may unfairly give a Student an unauthorised advantage relative to other Students with regard to a Formal Examination or other Assessment Item. 'Unauthorised advantage' includes any advantage not identified for the Formal Examination or Assessment work. Academic Misconduct includes but is not limited to Collusion, Plagiarism, contract cheating, impersonation of a Student or University Employee, and Failure to Comply with Formal Examination or Assessment Instructions.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Assessment</a></p> <p>The process of evaluating the extent to which Students have achieved the objectives of a Course.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Student</a></p> <p>A person who: has been Admitted or Enrolled in an Academic Program at the University, but has not yet graduated from the program; or has been Enrolled in a Course at the University but has not yet completed the Course.</p>
	<p><a href="#">University</a></p> <p>The term 'University' or 'USQ' means the University of Southern Queensland.</p>
	<b>Definitions that relate to this policy only</b>
<b>Keywords</b>	
<b>Record No</b>	13/752PL

