

# Department of Economics

## Academic Integrity Good Practice

### Dos and Don'ts

#### Do

- Use your own words when describing the ideas of others; an essay/report/policy brief, etc is an exercise in writing, not an exercise in how good you are at copy-pasting others' words.
- Complete the Library's courses on and [Introduction to Referencing](#) and [Plagiarism](#)
- Refresh your academic writing skills [Course: Academic Writing Skills \(warwick.ac.uk\)](#)
- When you are writing your own notes, use your own words to cover the relevant ideas and details of the source material.
- Discuss assignments with other students, but always ensure that work you submit is your own.

#### Don't

- Copy and paste from a source text.
- Copy shared notes from a study/revision group into an assignment or exam – you don't know who else in the group might have done the same!
- Submit your work to Turnitin or other plagiarism checking software as this will automatically get flagged on our system due to a high percentage match.
- Use a paraphrasing website or other similar software, this will increase your chances of being flagged for plagiarism – don't be afraid to use your own words!
- Lend your work to another student or post it on an online essay mill, this may expose you to an accusation of misconduct.
- Engage in any form of contact with another student during a test or an exam, including any form of verbal or written contact (e.g., WhatsApp, instant messaging, etc).

The Department's Academic Integrity Team investigated over 300 students in 2022/23 due to concerns about misconduct. 134 students were invited to attend an Academic Conduct Panel (ACP) and 108 students had findings of misconduct against them with penalties applied to their marks. 50 students received a mark of zero for their assessment.

## Avoid being part of the statistics!