

Department of Economics – Academic Integrity

At-a-Glance Guide

The Department of Economics is committed to ensuring honesty in academic work so that the quality of degrees is upheld, and students can be proud of their achievements. As such we adhere to the university's [Academic Integrity Framework](#) and to [Regulation 11](#).

This guidance relates to any case of suspected academic misconduct in the Department of Economics. If you have any queries, please email economics.integrity@warwick.ac.uk

Types of Misconduct (this list is not exhaustive):

- Plagiarism, (this would also include the deliberate and detailed presentation of concepts generated via artificial intelligence, such as ChatGPT, or similar as one's own work), self-plagiarism, taking a copy of another's work, contract cheating (including production of code).
- Collusion, impersonation; accessing unauthorised materials.
- Submitting fraudulent mitigating circumstances.
- Fabrication or falsification of research including results/data.

For detailed definitions and guidance on types of misconduct, please refer to the [Economics Academic Integrity page](#).

Poor Academic Practice:

- Poor Academic Practice typically occurs due to inadequate referencing or poor paraphrasing.
- Often citations are used but sentences have been copied and pasted directly from the original source.

Outline of the department's process for investigating suspected academic misconduct:

- Referral made to the Academic Integrity Team.
- If there is a case to answer the student is called to Academic Conduct Panel (ACP) and asked to submit written statement.
- At the ACP, the student will be asked to discuss their approach to the assignment and be informed of Academic Integrity good practice.
- Any admission of misconduct will be considered when a penalty is recommended.
- Evidence is reviewed by the ACP, and a recommendation made to the Deputy Head of Department (Teaching & Learning).
- DHoD makes decision.
- Student is informed of outcome.
- Student has 10 working days to appeal the outcome (they must provide evidence of why the sanction is unreasonable).

Group work:

- All students within the group are responsible for the piece of work submitted. They are all expected to ensure as a group that all group members understand what plagiarism is and that there is no plagiarism within the piece of work. If misconduct is found within a piece of group work, penalties may be applied to the everyone within the group even if they were not specifically responsible for the misconduct.

Shared Notes:

- Studying and working with fellow students is encouraged, however be mindful of copying from 'shared notes' and using them in your work as you don't know who else in the group may have done the same.

Further links:

- Department of [Economics Academic Integrity page](#)
- [University Academic Integrity Framework](#) and [Regulation 11](#)
- [Avoiding Plagiarism](#) course and [Introduction to Referencing](#) course
- Department [video](#) on plagiarism and [online academic writing course](#)

Turnitin:

Plagiarism software that the University uses to help support academic standards. Turnitin searches the internet, universities' records, and published and unpublished sources to see if wording within the assignment matches other work. The more matches, the higher the Turnitin score.

All work that students submit to Economics will be run through this programme and will undergo checks by markers. Any concerns will be referred to the Academic Integrity Team.

Students should not submit their work to online plagiarism checkers as this will generate a high Turnitin score.

Online Translators:

Students should not use online translating tools, as this is not demonstrating ability.

Vivas

- A viva may be carried out prior to the meeting of an ACP to determine if a student's understanding matches that of the submitted assessment.
- Students will be given 24- to 36-hours' notice of a viva and the viva should last typically no longer than 30 minutes.
- Students will be asked questions relating to the assessment. Please see [Code of Conduct](#) for further details.