

Department of Economics – Academic Integrity

Consequences for breaches of academic integrity

Breaches of academic integrity are damaging. They damage the perpetrator, who does not learn how to be an economist, but instead learns how to be dishonest. They damage relations between tutors and students because they generate suspicion. They damage all students when they leave university, because perpetrators will eventually devalue the reputation of a Warwick degree. They damage all academic staff, who must spend time policing the rules in place of teaching and research.

Breaches of academic integrity are regularly detected and penalised and the penalties are severe. The policies are strict even if it's the first time your work has not met standards of academic integrity.

The University makes the following sanctions available to an Academic Conduct Panel (ACP):

1. A reduction in mark for the assessed work to reflect the impact of the academic misconduct. The mark may be reduced to zero;
2. Require re-submission of the original work with revised referencing, for a capped mark;
3. Require re-submission of a new piece of work for a reduced or capped mark.
4. Investigation of a student's previous work that has not yet been approved by a Board of Examiners.

Points 2 and 3 above would only be considered where the outcome would not give a more favourable result than if the student had failed the assessment without academic misconduct.

The Department has a standard set of penalties that we apply to cases where misconduct has been found.

Department of Economics – standard penalties applied when misconduct has been found (Any admission of misconduct will be considered when a decision is being made by the ACP)	
<u>YEAR OF STUDY</u>	<u>STANDARD PENALTY</u>
1ST YR (UG)	50% reduction in assessment mark (only applicable to first case, any further instances where misconduct is found will result in a 100% deduction).
2ND & FINAL YR (UG)	100% reduction in assessment mark.
PGT/PGR	Each case will be considered individually and an appropriate reduction in mark will be applied.
GROUP WORK - ALL YEARS	A penalty (possibly reduced) may be applied to group members, even if they have not been specifically responsible for academic misconduct. All students within the group are considered equally responsible for the work submitted and as such have a responsibility to ensure as far as practicable that there has been no misconduct.

In addition to those above, a University appointed Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) may impose the following sanctions:

1. Determine that the student's previous work, for which credits had already been accumulated, is to be investigated for academic misconduct by the student's home department;
2. Recommend to the Academic Registrar that the student be withdrawn from the University, either for a temporary period or permanently under Regulation 36;
3. Determine that a student shall have no right to resubmit, or remedy failure with respect to, the piece or pieces of work in respect of which the case was referred to the AIC.

Students have had job offers withdrawn due to being found guilty of academic misconduct.