

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: THE FOUNDATION OF QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY is a system of principles based on honesty, fairness, responsibility and trust in learning, teaching and research.

It provides the foundation for quality education and the development of professional responsibility in future specialists.

Under Article 1 of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Education”, academic integrity is a set of standards, rules and values based on honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility and trust. These guide the conduct of participants in the educational process and are observed in education, upbringing, teaching and research.

Educators play an important role in building a culture of academic integrity.

CORE PRINCIPLES OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- Independent work:** Complete all examinations, tests and papers independently, without another person's help or copying ready-made work.
- Avoiding plagiarism:** Always cite the original source (author) when using other people's ideas, research or texts.
- Fair assessment:** Educators must assess students' knowledge fairly, without distortion or personal bias.



- Openness and trust:** Strictly prohibit corruption, bribery and cheating in education, including cheat sheets and taking an examination for someone else.

IMPORTANCE

- A guarantee of quality education:** Knowledge gained through honest effort and inquiry, rather than grades obtained by deception, prepares competitive professionals.
- Professional reputation:** A student who demonstrates



honesty in learning today will become a conscientious, competent and fair professional in the workplace tomorrow.

•**Public trust:** Fairness in science and education is a key mechanism for social development and the fight against corruption.



Upholding academic integrity means fairness, responsibility and mutual respect in learning and research. It increases the value of your knowledge and builds your reputation as a future professional.

Key ways to uphold academic integrity:

1. Avoiding plagiarism

- **Citing sources:** In any research paper, essay or report, when using another author's ideas, words or

data, always provide a citation.

- **Knowing how to paraphrase:** Express another author's meaning in your own words instead of simply copying the text. You must still cite the author.
- **Avoiding self-plagiarism:** Do not resubmit your own work previously submitted for another course as a new assignment.

2. Completing examinations and assignments honestly

- . **No cheat sheets or prompting:** Rely only on your own knowledge in tests and examinations. Do not use technological devices, such as phones or smartwatches, to assist you.
- . **Doing assignments independently:** Complete homework and projects on your own unless the instructor explicitly assigns group work.
- . **Using AI as a tool:** ChatGPT and other AI applications can assist with generating ideas, editing text or

- . understanding a topic.

Do not copy ready-made text: Presenting AI-generated text as your own work violates academic integrity. Learn your university's rules on AI use in advance.

4. Effective time management

Many students resort to copying because they are short of time or falling behind. Completing assignments in advance, instead of leaving them until the last night, makes honest work possible.

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5. Understanding academic requirements

- Every institution has its own **Academic Integrity Code**. It specifies citation styles (APA, MLA, Harvard, etc.) and the measures taken for violations.

Read these rules at the start of the academic year.

Following these principles builds a culture of learning and strengthens your reputation and professional ethics as a future specialist.

Be responsible, respect knowledge and begin your journey to success with honest work!