

Key Points on Plagiarism and Cheating

(Extracted from NU [Regulations](#) for Academic Integrity)

Notes:

- **Plagiarism:** Presenting someone else's work or ideas as if it was your own, whether in part or whole.
- **Contract Cheating:** Hiring someone to write your assignment or take your exam on your behalf. Contract cheating may produce “plagiarism-free” work not detected by the usual software tools.
- **Exam Cheating:** Any method used to gain an unfair advantage, including written chits, electronic devices, impersonation, unauthorized access to exam papers, misbehaviour in the exam hall and other methods.

“It is the student’s responsibility to read, understand and follow the academic regulations and procedures and seek clarifications if any, as ignorance of the rules related to academic integrity and misconduct will not be considered an excuse for committing any academic offense”.

KEY POINTS

National University of Science and Technology (NU) has **Zero Tolerance** for any incident of academic misconduct or plagiarism or any academic offenses, either done by any students or any staff/faculty (at CoMHS).

Plagiarism

- Faculty members must use the software provided by the Directorate of IT, embedded into the LMS, as a standard tool for detecting plagiarism. However, there is no limitation if faculty decides to use any other tools along with the standard tool.
- There is no minimum acceptable similarity percentage. It is crucial that the faculty members make an academic judgment in individual cases carefully.
- The faculty shall not favor any student’s submission with a high similarity index with multiple chances of assignment submission nor by extending the submission deadline.

Contract Cheating

- The faculty members must use various techniques or tools when a submission is suspected of contract cheating such as conducting viva or interview, comparing the student’s submission with the previous ones, writing style, etc.
- Faculty members must be familiar with the competency levels of their students that help in the detection of contract cheating.

Exam Cheating

- Cheating in examinations can be treated as a high-degree academic offense and shall be detected and reported immediately by the exam invigilator(s) to the chief invigilator or the Examination office.
- Violating or Non-compliance by students to any of the regulation points stated in the exam conduct guidelines shall be considered in this category.

Table of Standard Penalties

Standard Penalties of Academic Offense in the Coursework/Plagiarism, Academic Malpractice/Cheating in Tests/Examinations are given in the Student Academic Integrity [Regulations](#) document.

Disciplinary Committee (DC)

All 3rd to 6th Degree cases of Plagiarism and Academic Malpractice/Cheating in Tests/Examinations must be reported to the Disciplinary Committee (DC), constituted by the Dean on adhoc basis.