

Academic fraud

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Fraud includes any behavior or negligence on part of the student that makes it impossible for an examiner to form a correct judgement of his or her knowledge, insight and skills, or that is aimed at intentionally manipulating the examination process.

- **Types of fraud:**
 - Exam fraud (e.g., using not-allowed materials during an exam)
 - Plagiarism (e.g., taking credit for material that is not your own)
 - Scientific fraud (e.g., fabricating data)



Fraud and then...

- When a suspicion of fraud is raised... during or after exams or projects... the student receives **no grade** (yet), and case is handed over to the exam committee
- If fraud is established, then consequences could be severe with respect to:
 - Passing the course
 - Binding Study Recommendation
 - Graduating with a *judicium* (grote waardering / cum laude)
 - Starting courses in next year

What is exam fraud?

Beyond the obvious (e.g., peeking “spieken”)

During written examinations, the following actions **will in any case** be deemed to constitute fraud or attempted fraud:

- using another person's proof of identity/campus card (student identity card)
- Not being able to proof your identity (campus card)
- having a mobile telephone or any other type of media-carrying device on your desk or in your clothes
- using, or attempting to use, unauthorized resources and aids, such as the internet, a mobile telephone, etc.
- using a clicker that does not belong to you
- having any paper at hand other than that provided by TU/e, unless stated otherwise
- visiting the toilet (or going outside) without permission or supervision

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Student name: _____

Student number: _____

Examination cover sheet

(to be completed by the examiner)

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Main mistake

- Mobile phones, smart watches, etc
- NOT on your desk
- NOT in your clothes
- **Must be switched off and in your bag !!**



What is plagiarism?

- **Plagiarism is taking credit for material that is not your own; putting your name on a piece of work in which other people's work or ideas are used without giving *proper* credit to the original source**
- **This will *always* be considered plagiarism, even when...**
 - ... it was done unintentional or by accident (e.g., handing in the wrong document, or not knowing how to cite or refer to sources)
 - ... one of your co-authors copied others people's ideas or texts without crediting the source
 - ... it involved copyright-free texts or images
 - ... the original source was a website without clear authorship
 - ... the idea came from a fellow student during an informal discussion

Harvard College Writing Program (2014) Harvard Guide to Using Sources. Accessed online on August 18, 2014. <http://usingsources.fas.harvard.edu/>

Consequences of academic fraud

- With any suspicion of fraud, the exam committee is to decide whether or not fraud occurred, if so...
- ...the **default** punishment for first time offenders is:
 - Student fails on the entire course (even when plagiarism occurred in a small intermediate assignment)
 - Student is excluded from taking the exams of that course for one year
 - The misconduct will be entered into the student's file
 - and no longer eligible for a judicium when graduating (met hoge waardering / cum laude)
- ...the **maximum** punishment (e.g., for a recidivist):
 - Student's education at TU/e will be terminated

Halsema, L. (2013) Toetsbeleid faculteit Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences. Accessed online on August 18, 2014. <http://onderwijs.ieis.tue.nl/Toetsing>

How to prevent plagiarism?

Doubts? Contact your teacher!

- **Some advice in how to prevent plagiarism:**
 - Keep track of the sources you read. Especially the location of online content may be easily forgotten if not systematically noted down
 - Make notes about the sources you read, indicating *each and every time* what you copy-pasted and / or paraphrased. This prevents forgetting which were your own words and ideas and which were not
 - Use proper ways of citing or referring to a source. When in doubt contact the teacher!
 - Include the necessary source references immediately while writing. Do not wait until after your work is finished.
 - Keep track of how your ideas and / or writings have developed over time. Other people, including your group members, must be able to trace the originality of your work
 - Make sure to have examined every document on which you appear as an author
 - Never submit anything that contains plagiarism. If you suspect plagiarism by a group member, then do not put your name on the manuscript.
 - Do not wait until the final moment to finalize a document. Time pressure makes you more vulnerable to mistakes, and less attentive to plagiarism by group members.

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