

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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Before submitting work in your courses, you must understand the meaning and consequences of plagiarism and cheating, which are serious academic offences. Inform yourself about what might be considered plagiarism in an essay or term paper by consulting the course instructor to obtain appropriate referencing guidelines. You should also consult *Fair Play*, the student guide to academic integrity available at [mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/students](http://mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/students). There you will also find links to instructional tutorials and strategies to prevent cheating. The *Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures* includes sections on plagiarism and cheating. The possession or use of unauthorized materials in any test or examination constitutes cheating. You can find the *Code* at [mcgill.ca/students/srr/publications](http://mcgill.ca/students/srr/publications).

Responses on multiple-choice exams are normally checked by the Exam Security Computer Monitoring program. The program detects pairs of students with unusually similar answer patterns on multiple-choice exams. Data generated by this program can be used as admissible evidence in an investigation of cheating under Article 17 of the *Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures*.

The Office of the Dean of Students administers the academic integrity process as described in the *Student Rights and Responsibilities*.

**Note:** All newly-admitted undergraduate and graduate students must complete a **mandatory online academic integrity tutorial** in their first semester, accessed through Minerva > *Student Menu* > *Academic Integrity Tutorial*. Failure to complete the academic integrity tutorial in the allotted timeframe will result in a registration "hold" being placed on your record, preventing registration until the tutorial is completed. For more information, see [mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/students/test](http://mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/students/test).