

# Academic Integrity

## What is Plagiarism?

In academic work, researchers build on the ideas of others. This is a legitimate and accepted way of doing research. Plagiarism is using someone else's ideas or words and presenting them as if they are your own. It is therefore a form of academic cheating, stealing or deception. Because plagiarism is an offence, all universities take a profoundly serious view of anyone who is found cheating. Read the resources below and complete the UCT Honour Pledge.

UCT offers guidance on how to avoid plagiarising. Please be sure to download, read and understand these documents:

- [Avoiding plagiarism: a guide for students](#)

Plagiarism documents are often provided by each Faculty, and are based on this document:

- [Policy for the Prevention and Management of Academic Misconduct by Students](#)

Further policies can be viewed on the [policies page](#) on the UCT website. Should you have queries about plagiarism, please contact your course team.