



National Institute of Social Development

Policy on Academic Honesty and Integrity

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1.1. Rationale and Purpose:

The Policy on Academic Honesty and Integrity at the National Institute of Social Development (NISD) outlines the principles of ethical conduct, honesty, and integrity expected from all members of the academic community. Upholding academic integrity is essential to foster an environment where students can derive the fundamental values of discipline and integrity in their educational journey and pursuit of knowledge. This policy emphasizes the importance of ethical conduct across all fields of study and highlights the professional and social repercussions of academic dishonesty.

1.2. Scope:

This policy applies to all academic and non-academic staff members, undergraduate and postgraduate students affiliated with the National Institute of Social Development.

1.3. Policy Statement:

Academic misconduct and dishonesty encompass various actions that undermine the integrity of academic pursuits. These include but are not limited to:

- 1.3.1. Cheating: Cheating in an academic context involves securing or attempting to secure recognition or credit for academic work through unauthorized means. This

encompasses activities such as accessing unauthorized materials during examinations, claiming credit for ideas or information from external sources without proper attribution, and misrepresenting the work of others as one's own.

- 1.3.2. Fabrications: Fabrications entail the intentional and unauthorized falsification, misrepresentation, or invention of information, data, or citations in academic exercises. This includes fabricating data for research papers, altering experimental or survey results, and falsely citing sources not utilized in the work.
- 1.3.3. Plagiarism: Plagiarism involves representing the words or ideas of another as one's own without proper attribution. This includes verbatim copying from external sources without citation, paraphrasing without acknowledgment, and claiming authorship of work derived from others.
- 1.3.4. Facilitation or Collusion: Facilitation or collusion refers to assisting or attempting to assist others in violating the institution's policies on academic misconduct. This includes aiding others in cheating, fabricating data, or plagiarizing academic work.

1.4. Related Policies:

This policy is interconnected with related policies, procedures, forms, and guidelines, including but not limited to the Learning Outcome Policy, Assessment Policy, and Examination Policy. These documents collectively contribute to maintaining academic integrity and ensuring fairness and transparency in the evaluation of academic performance at the National Institute of Social Development.