

# The Falmouth & Exeter Students' UnionAdvice Service

Academic Misconduct

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Academic misconduct can relate to both coursework and exams, whether written, oral or practical.

Academic misconduct can involve any of the following 'activities':

- Plagiarism: including copying from authors, not using quotation marks or taking sections from other people's work and altering it to make it look like your own.
- Self-plagiarism: using parts of an assignment or other piece of work that you have previously submitted for assessment.
- Collusion: unauthorised collaboration with another students, including copying from other students or allowing your work to be copied.
- Attempting to gain an unfair advantage: for example, paying someone to do your work, falsifying data and taking unauthorised material into an exam.

This is not an exhaustive list.

Each of the two Universities divides academic misconduct into different categories by reference the severity of the alleged misconduct:

- [Exeter](#): poor academic practice, academic misconduct and severe academic misconduct
- [Falmouth](#): minor offence and major offence

As you might expect, the more serious the alleged offence, the more serious is the potential penalty.

Academic integrity sits at the heart of what the Universities do, so that they are entitled to treat it as a serious issue. The most serious cases can lead to a student being expelled.

## Getting Advice

You can get advice from the Students' Union's Advice Service. You can book an appointment with one of our advisers [here](#).

Alternatively, email your enquiry to [advice@thesu.org.uk](mailto:advice@thesu.org.uk)