At Dalhousie University, we respect the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility and respect. As a student, adherence to the values of academic integrity and related policies is a requirement of being part of the academic community at Dalhousie University.

**What does academic integrity mean?**
Academic integrity means being honest in the fulfillment of your academic responsibilities thus establishing mutual trust. Fairness is essential to the interactions of the academic community and is achieved through respect for the opinions and ideas of others. “Violations of intellectual honesty are offensive to the entire academic community, not just to the individual faculty member and students in whose class an offense occurs.”

[https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity/academic-policies.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity/academic-policies.html)

**How can you achieve academic integrity?**
make sure you understand Dalhousie’s policies on academic integrity:
[http://academicintegrity.dal.ca/Policies/](http://academicintegrity.dal.ca/Policies/)
- do not submit an assignment or essay that is identical to an assignment or essay submitted by another individual or group
- give appropriate credit to the sources used in your assignment or essay
- do not download the work of another from the Internet and submit it as your own
- do not submit work that has been completed through collaboration or previously submitted for another assignment without permission from your instructor
- do not have someone else write an examination or test for you, or write an examination or test for someone else
- do not submit an assignment that has been copied in whole or in part of another student whether current or in the past.

**What will happen if an allegation of an academic offence is made against you?**
Instructors are required to report any suspected offence. The full process is outlined in the Discipline flow chart ([http://academicintegrity.dal.ca/Files/AcademicDisciplineProcess.pdf](http://academicintegrity.dal.ca/Files/AcademicDisciplineProcess.pdf)) and includes the following:

- Each Faculty has an Academic Integrity Officer (AIO) who receives allegations from instructors
- The AIO decides whether to proceed with the allegation and you will be notified of the process
- If the case proceeds, you will receive a grade of PENDING until the matter is resolved
- If you are found guilty of an academic offence, a penalty will be assigned ranging from a warning to a suspension or expulsion from the University and can include a notation on your transcript, failure of the assignment or failure of the course. All penalties are academic in nature.

**Where can you turn for help?**
- If you are ever unsure about ANYTHING, contact your instructor.
- [http://academicintegrity.dal.ca](http://academicintegrity.dal.ca)

**Links to policies, definitions, online tutorials, tips on citing and paraphrasing**

- [https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html)
  - Assistance with proofreading, writing styles, citations

- [https://libraries.dal.ca/help/writing.html](https://libraries.dal.ca/help/writing.html)
  - Workshops, online tutorials, citation guides, Assignment Calculator, RefWorks

- [https://dsu.ca/dsas](https://dsu.ca/dsas)
  - Assists students with academic appeals and student discipline procedures.

- [https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/university_senate/faculty_discipline_process.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/university_senate/faculty_discipline_process.html)
  - List of Academic Integrity Officers, discipline flow chart, Senate Discipline Committee