

KING'S INNS

Academic Integrity Policy

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1. Introduction

The Honorable Society of King's Inns is committed to upholding academic integrity, and recognises that it underpins all aspects of life at King's Inns, including all activities relating to learning, assessment, and scholarship.

King's Inns considers academic misconduct to be serious and academically fraudulent. Such conduct undermines trust in academic and professional qualifications. King's Inns has procedures to deal with cases of suspected academic misconduct. At King's Inns, academic integrity is an essential aspect of our learning and teaching environment. Learners and staff are expected to demonstrate intellectual honesty and transparency, including acknowledgement and referencing the work of others. All forms of cheating are prohibited.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the King's Inns Student Code of Conduct, King's Inns Education Rules and Programme Handbooks.

2. Purpose of Policy

2.1 The policy provides a coherent approach to informing and educating learners and staff about upholding academic integrity and avoiding academic misconduct.

2.2 The policy contributes to a shared understanding for staff and learners of what constitutes academic integrity and academic misconduct.

2.3 It supports staff in upholding academic integrity by providing a robust framework for addressing academic misconduct.

3. Scope of Policy

This policy applies to all staff and learners at King's Inns.

4. Policy Statement

Staff and learners must commit themselves to acting responsibly and ethically, embracing integrity in all actions and interactions as members of the King's Inns community.

4.1 All staff and learners must uphold the principles of academic integrity and adhere to all guidelines and regulations as outlined by King's Inns.

4.2 All staff and learners must inform themselves about academic integrity and the general regulations that pertain to academic integrity, which can be found in the Education Rules and Student Code of Conduct. Learners on all courses will receive guidance on upholding academic integrity and avoiding academic misconduct. Learners will be provided with a Code of Conduct for the Assessment that will set out clearly the behaviour permitted or prohibited in respect of that assessment or type of assessment.

- 4.3 Programme handbooks contain references to academic integrity. These are updated regularly in light of best practice and developments in this field, including technological threats to academic integrity.
- 4.4 Levels of academic misconduct are defined within the Education Rules and different consequences are applied according to the level. The levels and consequences can be found in the Education Rules and in the Student Code of Conduct. The procedural steps are set out in the Education Rules. Examples of breaches of academic integrity include but are not limited to:
- Plagiarism
 - Self-plagiarism
 - Collusion
 - Falsification/fabrication
 - Breach of Exam Regulations
 - Exam cheating
 - Unethical use of AI (Artificial Intelligence)
 - Fraud/impersonation
 - Contract cheating
- 4.5 All learners must complete a declaration to be submitted with all assessed work, declaring that they have read and understand the Student Code of Conduct, the Education Rules and the Code of Conduct & Guidelines for Assessments and that all work submitted is their own. This may require a physical signature or the acceptance of online terms and conditions, depending on the nature of the assessment.
- 4.6 All breaches of academic integrity are recorded by the Registrar.
- 4.7 Records relating to academic misconduct will be retained in accordance with King's Inns Data Protection Policy and in compliance with data protection law, specifically the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016 ("GDPR") and the Data Protection Acts 1988-2018.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

The Registrar is the owner of this policy and will, along with the School of Law Faculty Board, and Education Committee, oversee the implementation of this policy.

6. Monitoring and Review of Policy

The policy owner is responsible for monitoring implementation of the policy, ensuring that all associated documents are updated and current, and that the policy is reviewed as required.

The policy will be reviewed every three years from the date of first approval unless changes are required owing to legal, statutory and/or organisational change.

All policies and policy changes are approved by Council on the recommendation of Standing Committee. Policies relating to the School of Law will be reviewed in the first

instance by the Education Committee before being recommended to Standing Committee

7. Associated Documents

- [King's Inns Education Rules](#)
- King's Inns Student Code of Conduct
- Programme Handbooks
- Code of Conduct & Guidelines for Assessments

8. Related Policies

- King's Inns Data Protection Policy