

Policy Document Information

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to maintain academic integrity at the London Academy for Applied Technology (LAAT) by ensuring that all students submit original work, uphold ethical academic standards, and avoid malpractice, including plagiarism, collusion, and the misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) tools.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled in any course at LAAT, including hybrid, self-paced, and online learning programs. It covers coursework, assignments, reports, dissertations, and any form of assessment.

3. Definition of Malpractice

Malpractice includes, but is not limited to:

Plagiarism – Copying, paraphrasing, or reproducing content from another source without proper citation. The acceptable similarity percentage (plagiarism) is 15% or less. Work exceeding this limit will be subject to review and possible resubmission or disciplinary action.

AI-Assisted Plagiarism – The use of AI-generated content without proper academic input. Submitting work directly copied from AI tools (such as ChatGPT, Jasper, or Grammarly AI) is not allowed unless referenced as per academic standards.

Collusion – Unauthorized collaboration between students, resulting in identical or highly similar work.

Contract Cheating – Commissioning or purchasing assignments from third parties.

Fabrication – Falsifying data, references, or academic evidence.

Misrepresentation – Falsely claiming work as original or misrepresenting one's role in group projects.

4. AI Usage Guidelines

- AI tools may be used for research, grammar checks, and idea generation.
- AI-generated content must be rewritten in the student's own words and appropriately cited.
- Assignments must demonstrate critical thinking, independent analysis, and original input beyond AI assistance.
- AI cannot be used for direct content creation in assessments or exams.

5. Detection & Action

- All submitted work will be checked using plagiarism detection software (Turnitin).
- AI-detection tools will be used to identify AI-generated content.
- If a submission exceeds the 15% plagiarism limit or contains AI-generated content without proper engagement, students may be required to resubmit their work.

7. Appeals & Support

- Students have the right to appeal malpractice decisions within 7 days of receiving the verdict by emailing acad.coordinator@laat.ac.uk
- Academic support is available for students struggling with writing, research, and citation skills.