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Academic Integrity and Honesty Policy

Purpose

This policy establishes a clear and consistent framework for academic integrity and honesty at Yorkville University ("Yorkville"). It provides guidance to ensure alignment with the institution's operational, academic, and regulatory obligations, and supports Yorkville's commitment to the necessary framework to facilitate academic integrity. Procedures under the Policy identify academic offences and penalties for infringing the Policy.

Scope

The Policy applies to all members of the Yorkville community, including students, Former Students, applicants, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Definitions

***"Academic Offence"* –** a violation of the standards of academic honesty, including any form of cheating, academic fraud, misrepresentation, plagiarism, self-plagiarism, or abetting plagiarism and/or cheating.

"Applicant" – an individual who has applied for admission to Yorkville, whether or not they have been admitted or enrolled.

"Faculty Member" – an individual engaged by Yorkville to teach, supervise, assess, or otherwise support academic work, whether on a full-time, part-time, contract, or other basis.

***"Former Student"* –** an individual who was a student at the time an alleged violation of this Policy occurred.

"Student" – an individual who is enrolled in, registered in, or otherwise participating in a Yorkville course, program, practicum, placement, examination, assessment, or other academic activity.

***"Yorkville Community"* –** means Yorkville students, Former Students, applicants, faculty members, staff, administrators, and any other individuals expressly made subject to this Policy by Yorkville.

Policy Statement

Academic integrity is a guiding principle for all members of the Yorkville community, including students, Former Students, applicants, faculty members, staff, and administrators. The University values openness, honesty, civility, and curiosity in all academic endeavors. Yorkville's academic integrity and honesty principles apply to the initial assessment of applicants, the treatment of students during courses, the placement and treatment of students in practicum and field-based activities, and all assessment procedures.

All members of the University are obligated to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and to foster these practices in others. All members of the academic community must ensure that all materials used in courses or in assignments submitted for assessment adhere to established standards of academic honesty and to Canadian copyright law.

Alleged violations by students or Former Students will be reviewed and resolved under the Academic Integrity and Honesty Procedures. Alleged violations by applicants, faculty, staff, or administrators will be reviewed and resolved under the applicable University policy, procedure, employment process, professional expectations, or other applicable institutional process.

Related Information

- *Academic Integrity and Honesty Procedures*
- *Student Code of Conduct Policy and Procedures*
- *Student Grievances and Appeals Policy and Procedures*
- Employee policies, procedures, employment processes, or other applicable institutional processes, as applicable

Contacts

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Revision History

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