

The Academic Honesty and Wellness Module is brought to you by a collaboration between The Academic Wellness Project, Calumet and Stong Colleges, and the Faculty of Health at York University. The following module will prepare students for a life of academic integrity in post-secondary!

### Module Breakdown

Module Sections	Notes
<p><b>Section 1</b> Introduction to Academic Honesty and Wellness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learning Goals</li> <li>● What is Academic Honesty?</li> <li>● What is the Academic Honesty Policy?</li> <li>● What is Academic Misconduct?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Section 2</b> Breaches Against YorkU’s Academic Honesty Policy</p>	<p>It is a breach of the Academic Honesty Policy at York University to engage in any form of academic misconduct. The following section will explore some of the breaches (Cheating, misrepresentation of personal identity or performance, plagiarism, &amp; student research misconduct).</p> <p><b>Videos: 1, 2, 3</b></p>
<p><b>Section 3</b> Investigations and Procedures Governing Breaches of Academic Honesty at YorkU</p>	<p>In cases that an academic misconduct is suspected or has occurred, there are procedures that must be followed by the university. The following section will explore the procedures that the student will go through.</p> <p><b>Video: 4</b></p>
<p><b>Section 4</b> Penalties for Academic Misconduct at YorkU</p>	<p>Academic misconduct will lead to a range of penalties in a fair manner. The following section will explore some of the possible outcomes.</p> <p><b>Video: 5</b></p>
<p><b>Section 5</b> Final Quiz</p>	<p>You have now completed all sections. In this final section, you will be asked questions based on the prior sections and videos.</p>
<p><b>Resources for Academic Wellness</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TAWP’s Resource Hub</li> <li>● Resources at York University</li> </ul>



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## Learning Goals

- A. Recognize York University's [Academic Honesty Policy](#) and its applications.
- B. Understand the values and challenges related to academic honesty.
- C. Learn to successfully identify and avoid academic violations.

This module includes a series of videos that reference the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) at York University. In the videos, students will be introduced to characters that they might find themselves relating to in the upcoming years of their academic journey. The characters face challenges around academic integrity, mental health, and academic wellness, which students will have the opportunity to examine and reflect on.

You will be asked to answer a set of multiple choice questions following each video. Please reserve approximately an hour to complete the module.

### What is Academic Honesty?

Academic honesty is defined as a commitment to six fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage (ICAI, 2001).

A clear understanding of and appreciation for good academic conduct and responsibility is fundamental to good scholarship. It is the responsibility of the students to be familiar with the Policy and comply with the principles of good academic conduct set out (York University Senate Policy, 2022).

### What is the [Academic Honesty Policy](#)?

This policy establishes the general obligation on all members of York University to maintain the highest standards of academic conduct by avoiding behaviours which create unfair academic advantage or that unfairly disadvantage others (York University Senate Policy, 2022).

The sections are as follows:

- Purpose & Principles
- Scope & Application
- Definitions
- Policy
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Review



- Appeals
- Procedures

## What is Academic Misconduct?

Academic misconduct includes actions that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or for others in an academic environment. (York University Senate Policy, 2022).

Forms of academic misconduct are cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation of identity or performance, fraudulent conduct and research misconduct, and violation of specific departmental or course requirements. It is a breach of the Academic Honesty Policy to engage in any form of academic misconduct (York University Senate Policy, 2022).

There are many risk factors and underlying causes of academic misconduct such as mental health issues, time management problems, and misunderstandings and lack of knowledge surrounding policies. Academic misconduct can be intentional and unintentional at times. Some students can often find themselves in violation of policies due to lack of awareness, while others are under the wrong impression that they can get away with misconduct. It is important for students to be aware of how perceptions of and attitudes towards academic integrity and one's learning community may influence them.

York University provides many resources, skills development opportunities, and tools that can aid students' in developing academic integrity and wellness. For additional details on the Academic Honesty policy, procedures, regulations, resources, and more please visit:

[www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies](http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies) and [www.yorku.ca/unit/vpacad/academic-integrity/](http://www.yorku.ca/unit/vpacad/academic-integrity/)



## References

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