

Academic Integrity at MIT

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What is Academic Integrity?

- Academic integrity is part of the basic expectation of students at MIT:
 - ***Students will honestly complete their **own work** and do their **own learning**.***
 - Upholds the **value** of a degree from MIT and **fairness** for all students.
 - Developing integrity and ethical decision making are part of the **MIT experience**.

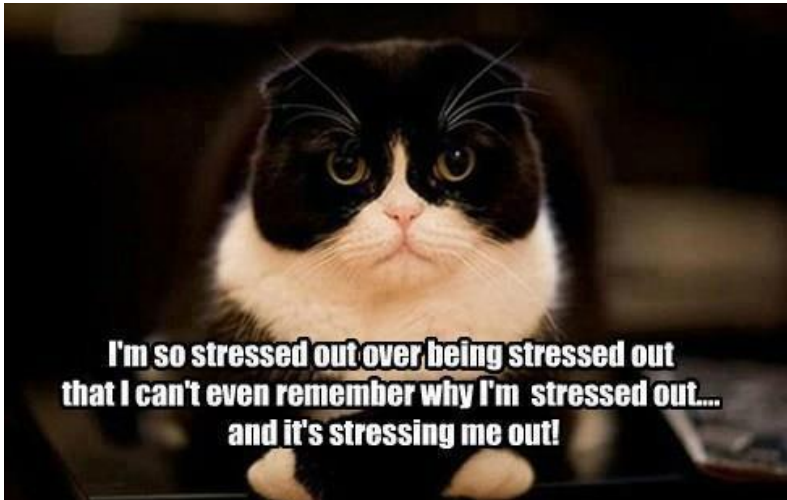


Common Violations

- Plagiarism
- Unauthorized Collaboration
- Cheating
- Facilitating Academic Dishonesty



Common Causes of Violations



Source: frabz.com, "Stress cat meme"

- Time constraints with other classes
- Personal stress
- Prioritization of other projects, assignments, or classes
- Lack of understanding of the material leading to aversion
- Imposter syndrome
- Feeling that that there is no other choice



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Alternative Strategies

- Ask for Help from Instructors, Supervisors, or TAs
- Get Academic Support
- Ask for Advice
- Manage Your Time
- Take A Break



Source: memecenter.com, "cat help meme"



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If You Feel You Have No Choice...

Take a step back from the situation and realize there are other options:

- Many classes have a “drop the lowest p-set” policy.
- Some professors have built-in extensions.
- You can always email the professor to ask for an extension.
- Reach out to Student Support Services (S³)
- Take a lower grade:
 - Submitting a half-done assignment or submitting nothing is better than submitting an assignment that does not reflect your integrity.
 - You may get 50% or even a 0 on the assignment, but this is better than failing the course or being subject to discipline from the Institute.



“An Ounce of Prevention...” – Avoiding Issues

- Take a reasonable class load.
- Reach out for personal help when you need it.
 - Mental Health and Counseling is free and confidential
- Reach out for academic help—even MIT professors have struggled with material.
- Be clear on expectations. What is the collaboration policy?
- Give yourself regular breaks.
- Learn how to take notes, how to speed read for content, how to study, and how to manage your time efficiently.



Next Steps

- Review the Academic Integrity Handbook: <http://integrity.mit.edu/>
- Listen for information about Academic Integrity expectations in your subjects.
- Ask your professor for clarification at the beginning of the term.



Questions?

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