



## **Academic Integrity Policy for the European Graduate School**

This Academic Integrity Policy sets forth the principles and expectations governing academic honesty and integrity at the European Graduate School (“the EGS”). As an institution committed to fostering a culture of academic excellence, we strive to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and ensure that all members of the EGS community maintain honesty, trust, and respect in their academic pursuits. Maintaining academic integrity is fundamental to the mission of the EGS. By upholding this policy, we reinforce the value of intellectual honesty and ethical conduct, nurturing a culture of respect and trust within our academic community.

### *1. Violations of Academic Honesty / Integrity*

Violations of Academic Honesty / Integrity at the EGS include but are not limited to:

- a. Any act of dishonesty, fraud, or deception intended to gain unfair academic advantage or undermine the integrity of the educational process.
- b. Presenting someone else's work, ideas, or intellectual property as one's own without proper acknowledgment, regardless of the medium (e.g., written, visual, or audio).
- c. Unauthorized use of information, materials, or resources during examinations, tests, or assignments.
- d. Creating or falsifying data, information, or citations to misrepresent the truth in academic work.
- e. Unauthorized collaboration or cooperation with others in the preparation and completion of academic assignments without explicit permission.
- f. Using generative AI content (text, images, research data, etc.) without proper citation and sourcing.

### *2. Responsibilities*

- a. Faculty members and EGS staff have the responsibility to promote academic integrity, detect academic misconduct, and take appropriate action when violations are suspected or reported.
- b. All students must adhere to the principles of academic integrity and are responsible for understanding and complying with this policy.
- c. The EGS will educate students about academic integrity, ensure consistent implementation of this policy, and provide a fair and impartial process to investigate alleged violations.

### *3. Promoting Academic Integrity*

- a. The EGS will provide orientation and ongoing education programs to inform students about academic integrity standards, the consequences of academic misconduct, and methods for properly citing sources.
- b. The EGS will maintain resources, such as research and writing workshops, to assist students in developing good study habits and academic writing skills.



#### 4. *Prohibited Conduct*

- a. Plagiarism in any form, including but not limited to copying from published sources, internet sources, fellow students, or any unauthorized assistance, is strictly prohibited.
- b. Cheating during examinations, quizzes, or assignments by using unauthorized materials, notes, electronic devices, or communicating with others is strictly prohibited.
- c. Falsification or invention of data, sources, or evidence in academic work is strictly prohibited.
- d. Collaborating on academic assignments without permission or engaging in unauthorized collaboration is strictly prohibited.

#### 5. *Reporting Violations*

Any member of the EGS community who suspects or observes a violation of this policy has a duty to report the incident to the appropriate faculty member, dean or EGS authority.

#### 6. *Consequences of Academic Misconduct*

- a. Faculty members have the discretion to determine the appropriate consequences for minor violations of academic integrity, such as assigning a failing grade for the assignment.
- b. Serious violations of academic integrity will be subject to a formal investigation by the EGS Academic Integrity Committee.
- c. Penalties for academic misconduct may include, but are not limited to, failing grades for assignments, courses, or expulsion from the EGS.

#### 7. *Appeal Process*

Students found in violation of this policy have the right to appeal the decision through a formal appeals process outlined by the EGS Academic and Non-Academic Appeal Policy

#### 8. *Policy Updates, Amendments, and Modifications*

- a. This policy is subject to change at the discretion of the EGS.
- b. This policy will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to reflect changes in EGS policies and procedures.
- c. Any changes to the policy will be communicated to students through the EGS websites and other means of official communication.