Academic Conduct and Irregularities

Rationale for Academic Conduct

To allow an assessor to award you a grade that represents the skills and abilities that you have demonstrated, an assessor needs to know what parts of your submitted work are your own individual work, and which adapt or quote the work of others. For this reason, you are expected to adhere to the following academic conduct.

Expected Academic Conduct

If you incorporate into your work any material (including text, program code or diagrams) derived from the work of another, then this must be clearly acknowledged and correctly referenced. Failure to do so is classified as **plagiarism**.

If a coursework is an individual assignment, then you should *not*:

- work with another student to jointly produce a solution;
- copy from another student;
- allow another student to copy your work.

Any of these things is classified as **collusion**.

For the specific rules regarding referencing, plagiarism and collusion for this coursework assignment, see Section 7 of the Assessment Brief ☑ [/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=793884&type=content&rcode=ntutest-1681185].

Academic Irregularity Investigations

If you do not clearly indicate which parts of the work is not your own, then this is interpreted as an attempt to mislead the assessor and gain an unfair advantage over other students. If this occurs, an Academic Irregularity investigation will ensue, which may result in a penalty being applied. Penalties range from reduced grades to dismissal from the course and termination of studies.

The formal NTU Academic Irregularity policy is stated in the NTU Quality Handbook ⬚ [https://www.ntu.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0036/921987/quality-handbook-section-17c-academic-irregularities.pdf].

The Turnitin Similarity Checker

'Turnitin' is a software system that checks written text for similarity with other pre-existing online text. To help you avoid accidental plagiarism or collusion, you are permitted to submit a draft version of your report once for a Turnitin similarity check. Note however that Turnitin is *not* a plagiarism checker — it does not determine if text has been acknowledged and correctly referenced. Rather, it just highlights matches between your text and other pre-

existing text. It is then your responsibility to check whether changes are needed, or references/acknowledgement should be added. For help with this, make use of the Library's Plagiarism and Turnitin Support ⧉ [https://www.ntu.ac.uk/m/library/plagiarism-and-turnitin].

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