

A photograph of two young women with long dark hair sitting on blue chairs in a library or study area. They are both smiling and looking at a silver laptop. The woman on the left is wearing a white sweater, and the woman on the right is wearing a maroon patterned top. In the background, other students are blurred, and a man is visible on the right. A yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, and a teal rectangular box is overlaid below it.

# **Ryerson's Academic Culture**

**For Graduate  
Students**

**Ryerson  
University**

**Academic  
Integrity  
Office**

# Academic Integrity Office

We are a **neutral party** and information resource that seeks to promote a culture of integrity and educational excellence by informing, inspiring and educating students and faculty members of Ryerson University

# Academic Integrity Office

- Ensure *Policy 60* carried out in fair and transparent way
- Provide education to entire Ryerson community
- Provide guidance and support to students and decision makers
- AIO completely neutral and does not advocate for students or faculty (or decision maker)

# Ryerson University Academic Plan – Integrity

“The university expects students, faculty and staff to act in accord with the highest standards of conduct. The university strives to always manifest **transparency, fairness and accountability** in its processes of decision-making, administration and governance.<sup>1</sup>”

<sup>1</sup>Ryerson University Academic Plan <http://www.ryerson.ca/provost/planning/>

# ***Pol 60: Values and Philosophy***

- Honesty
- Trust
- Fairness
- Responsibility
- Courage<sup>2</sup>
- Trustworthiness

<sup>2</sup>International Centre for Academic Integrity

<http://www.academicintegrity.org/icaai/resources-2.php>

# **Pol 60: Values and Philosophy**

- Education is “central value of this policy”<sup>3</sup>
- Handling investigations in “respectful timely and thoughtful manner”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>*Policy 60 Academic Integrity* <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/policies/pol60.pdf>

# What is Academic Misconduct?

“Any behaviour that undermines the University’s ability to evaluate fairly students’ academic achievements

or

any behavior that a student knew, or reasonably ought to have known, could gain them or others unearned academic advantage or benefit, counts as academic misconduct.”

(Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 2)

# ***Pol 60: Academic Misconduct***

- Plagiarism
- Cheating
- Misrepresentation of personal identity or performance
- Submission of false information
- Contributing to Academic Misconduct
- Damaging, Tampering, Interfering with the Scholarly Environment
- Unauthorized Use of Intellectual Property
- Misconduct in Re-graded/Re-submitted Work
- Violations of Specific Departmental or Course Requirements



# Plagiarism - Not citing correctly

"...words, ideas, artistry, drawings, images or data of another person  
...including information found on the Internet and unpublished materials...as if they are one's own..." (Section 2.1.1)

"...submitting the same work, in whole or in part, for credit in two or more courses, or in the same course more than once, without the prior written permission of the instructor" (Section 2.1.5)

# Cheating – Group Work

“Collaborating on work to be evaluated where such collaboration has been expressly forbidden by the instructor.” (Section, 2.2.9)

- If not clear, ask about expectations re group work

# Contributing to Academic Misconduct

“Offering, giving, sharing or selling essays, questions and/or answers to tests or exams, quizzes or other assignments unless authorized to do so” (Section 2.5)

- Protect your work
- Selling/buying work online

# University Services and Supports

- AIO website [www.ryerson.ca/academicintegrity](http://www.ryerson.ca/academicintegrity)
- International Student Support  
[www.ryerson.ca/studentlife/internationalsupport](http://www.ryerson.ca/studentlife/internationalsupport)
- Ryerson Library [www.library.ryerson.ca](http://www.library.ryerson.ca)
- Student Advocates – RSU and CESAR [www.rsuonline.ca/](http://www.rsuonline.ca/)  
[www.mycesar.ca](http://www.mycesar.ca)
- Student Learning Support  
[www.ryerson.ca/studentlearningsupport/](http://www.ryerson.ca/studentlearningsupport/)

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