The following definition takes effect from 1 October 2019, and replaces the previous “University Statement on Plagiarism”. Any documentation or handbooks referencing this Statement should be taken to refer to the definition below.

With effect from 1 October 2019, the University has outlined Rules of Behaviour for both current and former registered students (Statutes and Ordinances 2019, Chapter II, Section 19; p.191). All registered students and formerly registered students are responsible for following the Rules of Behaviour. Not knowing or forgetting about the rules or their consequences is not a justification for not following them. These Rules include a definition of academic misconduct, which is replicated below:

‘Academic misconduct’ is gaining or attempting to gain, or helping others to gain or attempt to gain, an unfair academic advantage in formal University assessment, or any activity likely to undermine the integrity essential to scholarship and research. It includes being in possession of unauthorised materials or electronic devices during an examination, including recording or communication devices or devices that can store data, even where Registered Students are unaware that such materials or devices are unauthorised, have no intention of using them, or are unaware that they have them in their possession. Academic misconduct also includes:

- **Plagiarism**: using someone else’s ideas, words, data, or other material produced by them without acknowledgement;
- **Self-plagiarism**: using the Registered Student’s own ideas, words, data or other material produced by them and submitted for formal assessment at this University or another institution, or for publication elsewhere, without acknowledgement, unless expressly permitted by the assessment;
- **Contract cheating**: contracting a third party to provide work, which is then used or submitted as part of a formal assessment as though it is the Registered Student’s own work;
- **Collusion**: working with others and using the ideas or words of this joint work without acknowledgment, as though it is the Registered Student’s own work, or allowing others to use the ideas or words of joint work without acknowledgment;
- **Impersonating someone or being impersonated** in an examination or arranging for someone to impersonate someone else by sitting their examination;
- **Fabrication, falsification or misrepresentation** of data, results or other outputs or aspects of research, including documentation and participant consent, or presenting or recording such data, etc, as if they were real; or
- **Failure to meet legal, ethical and professional obligations** in carrying out research. This includes failure to follow agreed protocol if this failure results in unreasonable risk or harm to humans, other sentient beings or the environment, and facilitating of misconduct in research by collusion in, or concealment of, such actions by others. It includes any plan or conspiracy to attempt to do any of these things.

Breaches of academic misconduct will be taken forward under the Student Disciplinary Procedure. Full information on the Student Discipline Procedure is available from the Office of Student Conduct, Complaints, and Appeals (OSCCA):

- visit the OSCCA website: https://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/student-discipline
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