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Academic Misconduct Alignment Policy

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The College aligns its Academic Misconduct procedures with those of Plymouth Marjon University's (PMU) Student Regulations Framework by adopting equivalent definitions, processes, sanctions, and governance arrangements to ensure consistency, fairness, and the protection of academic standards across validated provision.

The College will achieve alignment by:

- Adopting university definitions and scope of academic misconduct, including plagiarism, collusion, contract cheating, and inappropriate use of artificial intelligence.
- Implementing a staged and proportionate response framework, distinguishing between minor/first-time offences and major or repeat offences, with sanctions aligned to level of study and severity.
- Aligning procedures for investigation, decision-making, and outcomes, ensuring clear roles, documented evidence, and consistent application across programmes.
- Ensuring students receive clear guidance, rights, and support, including transparent communication of allegations, opportunities to respond, and access to appeals in line with university regulations.
- Embedding appropriate governance and oversight, including reporting to assessment boards where required, external examiner identification of systemic issues, and accurate record-keeping.
- Providing staff training and student induction on academic integrity expectations, including the ethical use of AI, to support prevention as well as enforcement.

Alignment will be evidenced through updated policies mapped directly to Marjon's Academic Integrity procedures, staff training records, documented case outcomes, and annual academic integrity reporting, providing assurance to the university and external regulators that academic misconduct is managed consistently, fairly, and in accordance with validated partner expectations.

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