

## DECLARATION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is fundamental to maintaining a fair and trustworthy learning environment. Upholding these principles ensures that all students receive recognition for their own efforts while contributing to a culture of responsible scholarship.

**Plagiarism** is the presentation of the work of another as the writer's own (which includes copying from the work of other students) and is an academic offence.

**Contract Cheating** is where a student commissions or seeks to commission (either paid or unpaid) another individual or artificial intelligence (AI) software tool to complete academic work on their behalf and is an academic offence.

**Note, use of academic tools, like AI software is permitted, but only when used in line with university guidance as outlined here.**

Penalties for Academic Offences are detailed in the [University's Regulations](#)

In submitting this coursework I:

- declare that I have read the relevant [University Regulations](#), and that the attached submission is my own original work.
- declare that no part of it has been submitted for any other assignment, and I have acknowledged in my references all written and electronic sources used.
- consent to my work being checked with plagiarism software.
- declare that where I have used AI, I have acknowledged its use in the table below

### Declaration of use of Artificial Intelligence (AI software)

<p><b>Please detail how you used AI software for your assignment. Please consult QUB <a href="#">‘Student Guidance on the use of Generative AI’</a> to learn more about appropriate and inappropriate use.</b></p>	
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*I \_\_\_\_\_, declare that the work submitted is my own and is not similar in content to, or based on the work of others, whether published or unpublished, nor does it include contribution of any AI technologies except with full and proper acknowledgement.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Guidelines for Disclosure Statement for Students:

A disclosure statement is included in written assessments to promote scientific integrity by ensuring transparency. It acknowledges tools like AI can help shape our final work. By clearly disclosing all forms of AI assistance, students demonstrate accountability, encouraging ethical standards and fostering an open ethical approach to scientific discovery.

1. **Be Ethical and Transparent:** Acknowledge all contributions, whether from human collaborators, AI tools, or external sources. Full transparency ensures ethical integrity in your work.
2. **Be Specific:** Provide enough detail to describe what specific tasks or sections of your dissertation were assisted by others.
3. **AI Use:** If AI tools were used during the project, including writing, data analysis, or brainstorming, mention the specific tool(s) used and the role they played. For example, AI-assisted writing tools like ChatGPT, Copilot or Grammarly, or data tools like MATLAB or Python-based libraries.

### Examples of student declarations

Section	Details of Assistance Received	Examples
<b>Data Generation</b>	Description of assistance in gathering or generating primary data, including experiments, surveys, or simulations.	<i>AI-based simulations were used for data generation.</i>
<b>Data Analysis</b>	Any tools, methods, or assistance used to analyse the data, including software, programming, or statistical help.	<i>Used AI tools for generating initial analysis.</i>
<b>Writing</b>	Acknowledgment of help received in structuring, drafting, or improving the written content of the dissertation, including use of AI for writing support.	<i>Generated an outline of the dissertation using an AI writing tool, ChatGPT.</i>
<b>Editing</b>	Help received for proofreading, editing, or reviewing the dissertation's structure, language, or formatting.	<i>Used AI-based grammar and style checkers (e.g., Grammarly) for proofreading.</i>