

## MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CODE OF ETHICS

One of the basic principles of the Middle East Technical University is to enhance the development of humanitarian and moral values of its students for the benefit of the society. Within this context, the students of METU are expected to adopt the following ethical values and act according to these principles.

1. METU Students carry out all of their course requirements on their own.
2. METU Students do not cheat or engage in deceptive behaviour towards academic staff members.
3. METU Students do not help others for cheating or engaging in deceptive behaviour.

Actions not conforming with academic ethical values can be categorized as below, however they are not limited to these items.

**Cheating:**The actions below are considered cheating, however cheating is not limited to these items.

- a) Exchanging information with others during exams,
- b) Using unauthorized material or information during the exams (such as: storing or writing formulas, text etc. on calculators and furniture); adding unauthorized information to tables and books in open-book exams,
- c) Working with other students in homework assignments, projects or reports where teamwork is not allowed (the course instructor should be consulted about rules for working together, in any case working together should be limited to brainstorming only, the "effort" placed for doing the homework, project or report should belong to the student),
- d) Submitting homework, projects, summer practice reports, or laboratory reports taken partially or entirely from others or from a source (book, internet, paper etc.) as if it was done by the student,
- e) Submitting homework, projects, summer practice reports, or laboratory reports taken partially or entirely from a previously graded work.

**Deception:**The actions below are considered deception, however deception is not limited to these items.

- a) Attending an exam or a lab session in place of another student, or letting someone else attend an exam or a lab session in place of one's own.
- b) Signing an attendance sheet for another student, or letting someone else sign an attendance sheet for oneself.
- c) Copying sections from different sources without quotation and reference.
- d) Using a source by rewording, without reference.
- e) Using ideas of other people without acknowledgement of the original source of the idea.
- f) Providing unused sources as reference.

**Violations of the academic code of ethics may result in disciplinary actions ranging from a "Warning" to a "Suspension from the University", and in necessary cases the student can face legal action followed by a retroactive loss of privileges.**