

EEE Department Plagiarism Committee Basic Principles on Plagiarism in Assessed Coursework

Students should familiarise themselves with the **College plagiarism policy**, which can be found [here](#).

The following notes are provided in addition to the College plagiarism policy to detail the position of the EEE Department. These principles will govern the assessment of plagiarism for modules within the Department, whether they are attended by EEE students or students from other departments.

Departmental Plagiarism Principles

1. Assessed coursework serves a dual purpose of learning and assessment and hence the solutions must represent your own work with all other work clearly identified by citation as necessary.
2. You should work individually or in groups on the solutions, as instructed, expressing your thoughts in your own words. Discussion of general methods and approaches regarding coursework in the spirit of learning, is encouraged.
3. The copying of solutions from others deprives you of the learning experience and hence both the receipt and transmission of assessed coursework is prohibited and will be penalised.
4. Consequently, unless specified otherwise, in accordance with Point 5 immediately below, solutions to assessed coursework must only be shared between you (as per point 2 above) and the module leader/assessors.
5. This prohibition on the distribution of solutions to assessed coursework shall apply indefinitely in time, unless and until the module leader/assessor waives it, but in no case earlier than after the coursework has been assessed for the entire cohort.

Clarifications:

1. Solutions to assessed coursework includes but is not limited to source code, peer/pair programming, specific pseudocode, detailed algorithmic steps, simulation files, simulation results, reports, and supporting explanations.
2. Plagiarism involves sharing such solutions through **active transmission** to other students, or **passive posting** of such solutions (in whole or in part) to locations including various public websites and repositories, such as GitHub. This applies to any other means of redistribution for which the access beyond the author, or group of authors, is not actively restricted through privileged access control. Such redistribution will be considered as plagiarism offence, whether it occurs within or outside the student cohort in question (year groups), and it does not cease with students' graduation.
3. You may share marked coursework solutions with responsible third parties in specific circumstances, e.g. when used in a portfolio to support a job/internship/academic application, with a restriction on further transmission of the content clearly indicated.
4. Re-use of your own work, in the form of simulation files, results, code, text, etc. to support solutions in another module/course is permitted as efficient and good engineering practice. In such circumstances you must cite your original coursework.
5. Within the Department, the decision of the plagiarism committee is final. An appeals process exists through the Registry.
6. If you are unclear on the application of this policy, you should check with the Education Office.