



# Academic Integrity Policy for Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria (MAAUN)

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Academic Integrity Policy is to uphold and promote academic honesty and integrity within the Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria (MAAUN) community. This policy sets forth the institution's expectations for academic honesty and outlines the rules against plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty. It also provides guidelines for investigating and reporting violations of academic integrity.

## II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff of MAAUN and covers all academic activities, including coursework, examinations, research, and scholarly publications.

## III. DEFINITIONS

1. **Academic dishonesty:** Any act that compromises the integrity of the educational process, including cheating, plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized collaboration, and other forms of dishonest behavior.
2. **Plagiarism:** Presenting the work, ideas, or words of another as one's own, without proper attribution or citation.
3. **Cheating:** Using unauthorized materials or assistance in completing assignments, examinations, or other academic activities.
4. **Falsification:** Altering or fabricating data, records, or any academic-related information.

## IV. POLICY

1. All members of the MAAUN community are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity.
2. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the principles of academic integrity, including the proper citation of sources, refraining from cheating or unauthorized collaboration, and reporting suspected violations.
3. Faculty members are responsible for promoting academic integrity by providing clear expectations for academic work, monitoring for academic dishonesty, and reporting suspected violations to the appropriate university officials.



4. The university will investigate and address all reported cases of academic dishonesty, following the procedures outlined in this policy.

#### V. INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

1. Suspected violations of academic integrity should be reported to the appropriate course instructor, department head, or dean.
2. The instructor or other university official will gather evidence of the alleged violation, including a written statement from the person reporting the violation, and will inform the student of the allegations.
3. The student will have the opportunity to respond to the allegations in writing and provide any relevant evidence or explanation.
4. If the instructor or university official determines that a violation has occurred, appropriate sanctions will be imposed, which may include a failing grade on the assignment, a failing grade in the course, or other disciplinary actions as outlined in the university's disciplinary procedures.
5. The student has the right to appeal the decision and sanctions to the appropriate academic committee or university official, following the university's established appeal process.
6. Records of academic integrity violations and sanctions will be maintained by the university and may be considered in future academic or disciplinary decisions.

#### VI. EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

1. MAAUN is committed to promoting academic integrity through education and prevention efforts, including providing resources on proper citation, academic writing, and research ethics.
2. Faculty members are encouraged to include a statement on academic integrity in their course syllabi and to discuss the importance of academic honesty with their students.
3. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from instructors, academic advisors, or the university's presidential office if they are unsure about proper citation, research ethics, or other aspects of academic integrity.

By adhering to this Academic Integrity Policy, the Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria community demonstrates a commitment to upholding the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity, ensuring the value and credibility of the degrees awarded by the institution.