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Via our online agenda tool you can make an appointment with one of our academic counsellors.

[www.tudelft.nl/ide/appointment-academic-counsellor](http://www.tudelft.nl/ide/appointment-academic-counsellor)

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### More information

[www.ide.tudelft.nl/fraud](http://www.ide.tudelft.nl/fraud)

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# Fraud

## Information for students at Industrial Design Engineering

# Prevent fraud

Stress, shortage of time, a missed lecture. There are numerous reasons why students allow themselves to be tempted to stretch the rules and start to commit fraud. TU Delft is an academic environment in which students are educated to be independently-thinking engineers. This means that an academic work ethos is required in which there is no room for fraudulent behaviour. Nevertheless, fraud can still be encountered in our faculty. For this reason, the faculty is investing more time and energy in detecting fraud.

## What do we mean by fraud?

Fraud is cheating, for example by using a cheat sheet or mobile phone during an examination. Committing plagiarism is another form of fraud: using another person's ideas or texts as if they were your own. A third form of fraud

is free riding, such as where someone takes advantage of the efforts of other students during a group assignment while doing little in return. Using fictitious data, for example in a user survey, is a fourth form of fraud.

## What is IDE doing to detect fraud?

Examinations are invigilated and monitored for cheat sheets and on whether students have properly stowed away their mobile phones and other aids. The lecturer may run submitted written assignments through a plagiarism scanner for signs of copying. And of course attention is also paid to see whether you can substantiate your conclusions. With group assignments, presentations and discussions, the lecturer will watch out for equal contributions and free riding behaviour.

*Two students write a paper on the experiences of sick children undergoing examination with an MRI scan in hospital. For their introduction, they recite a large piece of text verbatim from a published article on internet, without textual markers and without citations. The rest of the paper is written by themselves, based on various sources which they do include in the bibliography. The lecturer who checks the paper recognises the introductory article. He reports his findings to the Board of Examiners. After investigation, the Board declares the paper invalid. The students are also excluded from education on this subject for a whole year.*

## Consequences

Lecturers must report suspected cases of fraud to the Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners decides on the suspected case of fraud and can impose a maximum punishment of a year's exclusion from all forms of examination at TU Delft. This can have all kinds of consequences for the duration and financing of the study.

More information on the various forms of fraud can be found on the website: [www.ide.tudelft.nl/fraud](http://www.ide.tudelft.nl/fraud).

You will also find information on how you can prevent fraud. For more information or advice, please contact one of the academic counsellors. Make an appointment via the website or e-mail the academic counsellors.

*A student is finding it difficult to get going with a design project. He decides to go in search of existing solutions to gain some inspiration. In his search, he comes across some reports from last year. After studying the reports, he decides to make a summary of the best of these and to present this as his own work. The result looks at first glance to be good. Nevertheless, the lecturer soon notices strange things, seeing that the assignment has changed in a number of details from that of last year. The lecturer suspects fraud and reports this to the Board of Examiners. The Board investigates the case and concludes that fraud has indeed been committed. The project report is declared invalid. Moreover, the student is excluded from all education at TU Delft for a whole year.*

