



भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान भोपाल

शैक्षणिक कार्यालय

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Circular

Ref: Minutes of the 2018-2/48th meeting of the Senate held on May 12, 2018.

The Senate vide 2021-4/64th meeting held on July 20, 2021, has approved some amendments in case of repeat offences and therefore, this updated circular regarding disciplinary actions for various acts of academic malpractices is being issued to be implemented with the immediate effect:

- A student found guilty of any kind of academic malpractice shall not be eligible for any scholarship/fellowship/award/medal given by the Institute for the reminder period of study in IISER Bhopal.
- Such students shall be barred from 'O' grade in any future courses in the Institute.
- To enforce this, the student shall be marked as "student involved in academic malpractice" in Shiksha portal for all the academic purposes and a copy shall be marked to personal file.

	Nature of Indiscipline	Recommended Penalty
1	<i>Impersonation/Tampering/Forging signatures etc.</i>	
1.1	Impersonating of a student during exams	The disciplinary committee shall recommend termination of academic programme of both the students by the Senate
1.2	Tampering of grade sheets	The disciplinary committee shall recommend termination of academic programme of the student by the Senate
1.3	Tampering with official documents like leave application, medical certificates etc.	The disciplinary committee shall recommend termination of academic programme of the student by the Senate
1.4	Forging signatures of faculty /staff	The disciplinary committee shall recommend termination of academic programme of the student by the Senate
2	<i>Copying</i>	
2.1	Copying in home assignments, programming assignments and laboratory projects	The disciplinary committee shall approve the course instructor (i) to assign no credits in the Assignment/project and (ii) award penalty of one grade in end-semester examination (i.e., grade obtained will be downgraded by one grade) to both the

		person copying and the person from whom the material was copied. The same shall be reported to the Senate.
2.2	Copying in Examination	
	If a student is found verbally communicating with another student during the examination but no evidence of cheating is found except a signed note form the invigilator.	The disciplinary committee shall approve the course instructor to award penalty of loss of one grade in the course. The same shall be reported to the Senate.
	If a student is found verbally communicating with another student doing the examination and there are evidences of cheating like identical answers in the answer-books	The disciplinary committee shall approve the course instructor to award fail grade in the course and debar the student to appear in re-examination to clear the course. The same shall be reported to the Senate.
	If a student is found passing chits/supplements/other unauthorised material to other students	The disciplinary committee shall approve the course instructor to award fail grade in the course and debar the student to appear in re-examination to clear the course. The same shall be reported to the Senate.
2.3	<i>Detection of Copying during Evaluation of Answer-Scripts</i>	The disciplinary committee shall approve the course instructor to award fail grade to both the students, unless the student who copied owns the mistake. The same shall be reported to the Senate.
3	<i>Changes in answer sheets after evaluation:</i> If any changes are made in evaluated answer sheets including physical distortion of a sheet	The disciplinary committee shall recommend suspension of student from the registered programme for one year by the Senate.
4	<i>Carrying unauthorised material</i> like, mobile phones, chits, electronic gadgets but for non-programmable calculators during exams (in examination hall or during toilet break)	The disciplinary committee shall approve the course instructor to award fail grade in the course and debar the student to appear in re-examination to clear the course. The same shall be reported to the Senate.
5	<i>Repeat Offences</i>	
5.1	For the Students who were involved in Cheating for 2 nd time	The disciplinary committee shall approve the course instructor to award 'F' Grade. The student(s) will be eligible to take the course only after 2 Semesters, excluding the semester in which cheating was detected.
5.2	For the Students who were involved in Cheating for 3 rd time	The disciplinary committee shall recommend suspension of the student for one year by the Senate
5.3	For the Students who were involved in Cheating for 4 th time	The disciplinary committee shall recommend termination of academic programme of the student by the Senate

6	Plagiarism in Internal Reports: For reproducing material from sources like the web, texts, etc., without proper citations, in seminar and project reports	The disciplinary committee may ask student to rewrite the report or award of fail grade in the course depending upon the level of plagiarism. Depending upon the severity of the case the committee may recommend termination of the student by the Senate.
6.1	In more serious cases, like deliberately claiming false results on experiments (for programme for example, data manipulation), falsely claiming original content (for example, work not original but copied) in a MS/ Ph.D. thesis	The disciplinary committee shall submit a fact finding report to the Senate for further action. For the Ph.D. thesis, if the Senate finds that the charges are proved, it shall recommend to the Board for withdrawal of the degree if already awarded to the candidate.
7	Indiscipline by students serving as Teaching Assistant (TA): If a TA is found aiding/abetting students in cheating (who he/she is TAing) by deliberately assigning inflated marks, tampering with the mark-sheet/ answer-books etc.	The disciplinary committee shall recommend suspension of TA from the registered one semester by the Senate.

A strong warning will be given to all the students with a copy to their parents/ guardians in all the cases of cheating, along with obtaining a joint undertaking of students and parents against such misconduct as a pre-requisite for registration.

This circular supersedes all the earlier issued circulars in this regard.



Dean, Academic Affairs

To,

1. All Students via E-mail
2. All Faculty Members via E-mail
3. Notice/Website