



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION & RESEARCH

(Established by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)

Knowledge City, SAS Nagar, Sector 81, Mohali 140306,
Punjab, India

Prevention of Academic Misdemeanour Committee

Director, IISER, Mohali, has appointed a committee to address issues pertaining to academic misdemeanour. The committee for addressing such issues came up with the following guidelines, for its functioning.

Following are the members of the Prevention of Academic Misdemeanour Committee (PAMC):

Dr. Varadharaj R. Srinivasan (Convener)
Dr. Rachna Chaba
Dr. Arijit Kumar De
Dr. P. Balanarayan
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar

What are considered as acts of academic misdemeanour.

1. Using help sheets/notes in examination/tests/quizzes, when not explicitly permitted to do so by the instructor.
2. Communicating with other students in the examination hall, or elsewhere through cell phones, to obtain or offer unfair assistance in examination/tests/quizzes. In this case, both the student receiving help and the student offering help will be considered to have committed acts of academic misdemeanour.
3. Acts of plagiarism, which includes copying material from fellow students or material from existing literature, when writing term papers, reports or thesis.
4. Signing attendance registers/sheets on behalf of students who are absent in class. In this case, too, both the student who signs on behalf of someone else and the one who is absent and who has arranged to have his/her attendance marked, will be considered to have committed acts of academic misdemeanour.
5. Any other act that clearly falls within the ambit of academic misdemeanour and which comes to the attention of the committee.

What must be done by invigilators/instructors when one notices any act of academic misdemeanour:

1. Have a discussion with the student(s), in the presence of a witness (if possible), to ascertain if an act of academic misdemeanour has been committed.
2. If there is enough evidence to indicate that an act of academic misdemeanour has been committed, have the student(s) give a signed written statement of the facts concerning the incident.
3. If the student(s) refuse to sign such a statement, record the refusal; report, in writing, the facts as you have observed and have it attested by the witness.
4. Report the incident with proof on the same day, to the Convenor, Prevention of Academic Misdemeanour Committee.

What will be done by the Prevention of Academic Misdemeanour Committee:

1. The PAMC will conduct an enquiry within 48 hrs after the incident has been reported. If this time frame falls within the duration of an examination schedule, the enquiry will be conducted immediately after the completion of the examination schedule.
2. The PAMC will conduct the enquiry giving the student(s) a fair chance to explain his/her conduct.
3. If after the enquiry, the guilt of the student(s) is proved beyond reasonable doubt, the PAMC will recommend appropriate penalty for the offence.
4. The decision of the committee with regard to the pronouncement of guilt and penalty is binding. An appeal may, however, be made to the Director, IISER, Mohali.
5. The PAMC is of the opinion, that a third offence committed by the same student during his/her tenure at IISER, Mohali, must attract the ultimate penalty of removal from IISER, Mohali.

What can the students do to curb Academic Misdemeanour:

1. Refrain from committing all acts of academic misdemeanour at all times. It is not worth it.
2. If you notice your fellow students committing acts of academic misdemeanour, advise them strongly to refrain from such acts. Eventually, academic honesty is best enforced by you.
3. If your fellow student does not refrain from such acts, and continues to be dishonest, do not hesitate to report the matter, with proof, to any member of the PAMC or the instructor/invigilator, or offer to serve as a witness of academic misdemeanour.

Please note that it is absolutely important we create an atmosphere of ruthless honesty and unquestionable credibility in the way we do things at IISER, Mohali.