Ukraine’s Law “On Academic Integrity” (No. 4742-IX, 2025) establishes common rules for honest academic work in education and research. The law came into force on 31 July 2026.

The main principles are:

Students must complete academic tasks independently, unless collaboration or specific forms of assistance are allowed by the task.

Sources must be acknowledged when students use another person's ideas, text, images, data, etc.

Plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, cheating and unauthorized assistance are prohibited.

AI-generated content must be disclosed. Presenting AI-generated text, images, data or other results as your own work without indicating AI use is defined as “unethical use of AI-generated results.”

AI itself is not banned. A teacher or institution can determine whether and how AI may be used for a particular assignment.

Teachers must provide fair, transparent and unbiased assessment based on clearly defined criteria.

Students have the right to fair assessment and to challenge decisions concerning academic-integrity violations.

Universities can establish their own additional academic-integrity rules, provided they do not contradict the law.

In simple terms for students: You can use AI, but you cannot present AI-generated work as entirely your own. If you use AI in an academic assignment, you must disclose it when required. Always follow the teacher’s rules for each task.

Discussion

What does academic integrity mean to you?

Why do some students cheat or copy other people's work?

Is using ChatGPT to write your homework cheating? Why or why not?

Is it fair to give the same grade to a student who writes an essay themselves and a student who uses AI to write it?

Can AI help students learn, or does it make students lazy?

AI will change education, but it will not replace the need to think.” Do you agree? Why?