Information Session

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

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Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather for this meeting physically dispersed and virtually constructed let us take a moment to reflect the meaning of place and doing so recognise the various traditional lands on which the university is based.

The University of Adelaide acknowledges the traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today. And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.
Housekeeping

- Please mute your audio
- Will be recorded and posted to the Learning and Teaching website
- Please put questions in the Q&A not in the chat
- If there is time at the end we will take questions
- We may not have time to answer them all but will follow up afterwards
Session Outline

Policy
Guidelines
AIOs
Website
Academic Integrity

• a core value of the University - the ‘moral code of academia’
• using, generating and communicating information in an ethical, honest and responsible manner
• acting with honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility and courage in learning
New Policy

• Academic **Integrity** Policy replaces Academic **Honesty** Policy
• Applies to all students enrolled in a Program (including students previously enrolled and those on LoA)
• Research misconduct for HDRs is covered by Responsible Conduct of Research Policy and associated Research Misconduct Procedure
Policy Principles

• educative approach
• shared responsibility of all members of Uni community
• students and staff expected to conduct themselves with integrity
  → students may need support to learn how to display academic integrity
• adherence to a fair and transparent process
• commitment to continuous improvement
Staff responsibilities

a) be aware of the policies and procedures
b) engage with professional development opportunities
c) model Academic Integrity in their professional practice
d) report suspected breaches of Academic Integrity consistently in accordance with the policy
Staff responsibilities

e) provide instructions to students about expectations of Academic Integrity, including about any Academic Integrity requirements of specific areas of study

f) provide students with learning opportunities, guidance and feedback on Academic Integrity, including opportunities to engage in active learning about Academic Integrity rather than relying on passive discovery

g) design Assessment Tasks that minimise the potential for breaches of Academic Integrity
Key differences

• New Academic Integrity Officers in each School
• Contract cheating added to the types of breaches
• Outcomes are much less prescriptive
• No faculty register – only one single central register
• All breaches go on the Academic Integrity Register
  • including as a result of a genuine misunderstanding
Academic Integrity Officers

- Academic staff who have responsibility for managing cases of Academic Misconduct within their discipline, school or faculty
- All Schools have one (or two) AIOs
- Supported by professional staff member(s)
- You can find the list of AIOs and PSOs on the Learning and Teaching website

www.adelaide.edu.au/learning/resources-for-educators/academic-integrity/staff-supporting-academic-integrity-investigations
Guidelines for AI Investigations

• designed to support staff with implementation of the policy including:
  • suspecting academic misconduct
  • making an allegation
  • undertaking an investigation
  • determining an outcome
  • recording the outcome

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AI Investigations

• are AIO led unless:
  • suspected breach is serious
  • student has a previous breach
→ Academic Integrity Review Committee (AIRC)

• AIO meets with the student (+PSO to record meeting/outcomes)

• AIRC consists of two AIOs + PSO

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Suspicion by a staff member

Staff member collects evidence

Sends forms to AIO

Has there been a previous breach?

Yes

Academic Integrity Review Committee Inquiry

No

AIO Inquiry

PSO notifies the student within 10 days

Student responds to the notification within 10 days

Notification Letter

Student will attend meeting

Student will respond in writing

Student does not respond

Academic Misconduct:
- Plagiarism
- Collusion
- Cheating
- Cheating in Examinations
- Contract Cheating
- Misrepresentation
- Solicitation

Proceed with enquiry?

Yes

AIO Inquiry

No

Is suspected breach serious?

Yes

AIO Inquiry

No

AIO Inquiry

AIO convenes a meeting with the student within 15 days of Notification Letter

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AIS Inquiry pathway

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LEGEND
purple - staff member
green - PSO
yellow - AIO
blue - student
orange - AIRC Inquiry
RED - DECISION
GREY - OUTCOME

ACademic Misconduct: has not occurred

Record is made in University record keeping system

Notify student and others within 10 days

AIO convenes a meeting with the student within 15 days of Notification Letter

AIO convenes an Academic Integrity Committee Inquiry within 15 days of Notification Letter

EWO or other support person may attend

Student attends meeting

Student does not attend the meeting

Provide academic counselling AND apply one outcome

Resubmit with max grade

Adjusment of grade

Zero for assessment task

Fail grade for course

Academic Integriy Review Committee Inquiry

Academic Misconduct: has occurred as a result of genuine misunderstanding

Result of genuine misunderstanding?

Yes

Determines if Academic Misconduct has occurred

Academic Misconduct has not occurred

No

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Student attends meeting

Student does not attend the meeting

Records Management
The Professional staff member (PSO) supporting the AIO will keep records of the investigation from commencement until closure using the University Record Management System and processes

- available evidence
- extent seriousness of misconduct
- level/yr of program or course student enrolled in
- number context of previous breaches
- discipline conventions
- information provided to student about AI
Transition arrangements

• new policy came into effect on July 27
  • all new cases for assessments after July 27 should use the Academic Integrity Policy
  • any existing investigation or any new investigation that relates to an assessment before July 27 should use the Academic Honesty Policy
Learn More...

• **engage** with local sessions in your school or faculty
• **attend** future online learning sessions on specific types of academic misconduct and other topics
• **access** opportunities offered across the sector via our events page
• **read** *Spotlight on Academic Integrity* in the Learning and Teaching News
• **enrol** in the Epigeum Academic Integrity staff module on MyUni

https://www.adelaide.edu.au/learning/events/list
QUESTIONS?
Please put these in the Q&A or use the Zoom raise hand function