



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STANDARDS: ALIGNING POLICY AND PRACTICE IN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES - STUDENT SURVEY (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Dear Student, Thank you for participating in this study on "Academic integrity standards: aligning policy and practice in Australian universities". This project, funded by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, will investigate the range of Australian universities' academic integrity policies and practices, and identify examples of good practice in responding to breaches of academic integrity as well as instances where inconsistencies between policy and practice might usefully be addressed. Please note that this survey and the competition to win an iPad 2 are open only to students currently enrolled at University of South Australia. More information about this project is contained in the information sheet (please click on the link).

[Information Sheet](#)

1. Your gender

- Male
- Female
- Other

2. Your age (years)

- Less than 25
- 25 or over

3. What is your current level of study?

- Undergraduate coursework
- Honours
- Postgraduate coursework
- Postgraduate research

4. Are you?

- A full-time student
- A part-time student

5. Are you?

- An Australian/domestic/local student
- An international/overseas student

6. Have you undertaken any part of your university education at another tertiary institution (including universities, TAFE, and foundation studies)?

- No
- Yes

7. If you answered Yes to the previous question, was the institution (please tick the one that applies):

- Australian/domestic/local institution
- International/overseas institution

8. What is your major field of study?

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9. If you selected "Other" in the previous question (please specify)

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10. What do you know about academic integrity?

- I have heard of the term 'academic integrity', and I think I have a good idea what it means
- I have heard the term 'academic integrity', but I am still not sure what it means
- I have never heard of the term 'academic integrity' but I think I can work out what it means
- I have never heard of the term 'academic integrity' and I am not sure what it means

“Academic integrity is about mastering the art of scholarship. Scholarship involves researching, understanding and building upon the work of others and requires that you give credit where it is due and acknowledge the contributions of others to your own intellectual efforts. At its core, academic integrity requires honesty”. University of Tasmania (2010) <http://www.academicintegrity.utas.edu.au/>.

11. Do you know whether your university has an academic integrity policy? (it may be referred to as academic honesty, academic misconduct or plagiarism policy)

- Yes, it does and I know how to access it
- My university probably has an academic integrity policy, but I am not sure where it is or what it says
- My university may have an academic integrity policy (sounds familiar), but I am not sure what it is called or what it says
- No, as far as I am aware my university does not have an academic integrity policy

12. When do you remember you first heard of the concept of academic integrity or plagiarism?

- At primary school
- At high school
- At your current university
- Other (please specify in Q13 below)

13. If you selected "Other" in the previous question (please specify)

- (Enter text into this box, maximum 2000 characters)

14. How were you first informed about academic integrity at your current university?

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15. If you selected "Other" in Q14 (please specify)

- (Enter text into this box, maximum 2000 characters)

To answer the next question you'll need to know what the term 'academic integrity breach' means. It means that a person (usually a student) has done at least one of the following: copied someone else's words (plagiarism), cheated in exams or assignments, stolen someone else's academic work, downloaded assignments from the internet, used false data in laboratory reports, or got someone else to write an assignment and pretended they wrote it themselves.

16. You may have some knowledge of academic integrity breaches at your university or any other educational facility that you know about. Which of the following statements applies to your awareness of academic integrity breaches (you can tick more than one response)?

- I have not heard of any cases of breaches of academic integrity
- I have heard about someone who committed a breach of academic integrity
- I know someone who got a letter about an academic integrity breach that needed to be investigated
- I know someone who received a penalty for an academic integrity breach
- I got a letter myself about an academic integrity issue that needed to be investigated
- I had to have a meeting with a member of University staff about an academic integrity breach
- I have had marks reduced as a penalty for an academic integrity breach

17. Please indicate the extent of your agreement or disagreement with the statement "The information I have received about academic integrity (e.g. The importance of honesty, acknowledging others' work, submitting my own work for assessment) at my university is sufficient."

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don't know

18. Please indicate the extent of your agreement or disagreement with the statement "The information I have received about how to avoid academic integrity breaches (e.g. plagiarism, academic misconduct, cheating) at my university is sufficient."

- Strongly Agree
- Agree

- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don't know

19. Please indicate the extent of your agreement or disagreement with the statement "The support and training I have received to avoid academic integrity breaches (e.g. plagiarism, academic misconduct, cheating) at my university is sufficient."

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don't know

20. Please indicate the extent of your agreement or disagreement with the statement "The policy for academic integrity at my university is clearly communicated to students."

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not Applicable

21. Please indicate the extent of your agreement or disagreement with the statement "Academic integrity breaches at my university are dealt with fairly."

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don't know

22. I feel confident that I know how to avoid making an academic integrity breach at my university

- Yes
- No

23. Please provide details of your level of satisfaction with the academic integrity policy and/or processes at your university

- (Enter text into this box, maximum 2000 characters)

24. Please rank the following choices on how your university should inform students about academic integrity by placing a number from 1-8 in the appropriate boxes below. Assign number 1 to the most highly recommended.

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Orientation	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Course information	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Lectures/tutorials	<input type="text" value="1"/>
University website	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Academic integrity/plagiarism seminar or workshop	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Library session	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Online academic integrity module (like StartSmart, Academic Integrity Module and Academic Conduct Essentials)	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Digital media (YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, or other online source)	<input type="text" value="1"/>

25. Do you have any suggestions for improving the way that your university can contribute to your understanding and demonstration of academic integrity?

- (Enter text into this box, maximum 2000 characters)

26. Do you have any suggestions for improving the way that academic integrity breaches are dealt with at your university?

- (Enter text into this box, maximum 2000 characters)

27. Do you think that academic integrity has relevance to your life or work experience outside of the university?

- Yes
- No

28. Please share your ideas or concerns about academic integrity at your university

- (Enter text into this box, maximum 2000 characters)

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. The information will be very valuable for improving an understanding of academic integrity standards and the alignment of policy and practice in Australian universities. Any questions about this questionnaire or the research in general can be directed to Tracey Bretag (tracey.bretag@unisa.edu.au). When you submit this survey, you will automatically go to a separate site to enter into the prize draw for the iPad 2. Please note that only one entry is allowed per person in the prize draw.