



Assessment and the ‘professional student’: engaging with academic integrity

Understandings of academic integrity is an issue for staff and students in Higher Education. The IDEA CETL has developed tutorial materials that cover, for example, the issue of scientific integrity (including the ethics of falsifying data) and unethical academic behaviour.

This resource has been made available free of charge for the GEES HE community, and thanks go to the IDEA CETL for their help on this. The free teaching resource can be found at: <http://www.idea.leeds.ac.uk/2009/12/a-free-resource-for-teaching-ethics/>

The IDEA CETL also provides other materials on ‘teaching inter-disciplinary ethics’, which are available from their website¹, but require the purchase of a licence for use, with a range of licences available (individual, team, institutional).

The JISC now offer a Plagiarism Advisory Service² that provides resources, training, advice and guidance in all aspects of plagiarism prevention. The emphasis is placed on encouraging innovative, original work from students, and engaging students with the idea of ‘academic integrity’.

The Academy JISC Academic Integrity Service (AJAIS)³ is a joint initiative that aims to raise awareness and enhance understanding of the issues relating to academic integrity in Higher Education. One of the priorities of this project is to work with Subject Centres to identify subject-specific issues relating to academic integrity (such as assessment strategies, student skills development and plagiarism).

The AJAIS team are currently talking to Subject Centres about the following aspects of academic integrity:

- issues highlighted by their discipline communities;
- examples of good practice;
- the resources staff and students need to tackle this issue and what is already out there;
- how this work can be linked to guidance for students on developing skills for academic/professional practice.

What are YOUR Disciplinary Concerns?

- Let us know about subject-specific issues relating to academic integrity
- What challenges do your students experience in GEES-specific assessment tasks?
- What resources would help you tackle issues surrounding academic integrity?

Email us with your thoughts to: info@gees.ac.uk

Web Links (all accessed 1st September 2010)

1. IDEA CETL: Teaching Inter-disciplinary Ethics <http://www.idearesources.leeds.ac.uk/Default.aspx?Id=20>
2. PlagiarismAdvice.org: <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/services/pas.aspx>
3. AJAIS: <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ourwork/teachingandlearning/assessment/integrityservice>