Academic Integrity & Plagiarism

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Academic Integrity Policy 2024

- Student Code of Conduct is established on three principles: respect, responsibility and academic integrity. The link below will bring you to the School website where you can download the Student Code of Conduct: Student Conduct - UCD Student Engagement, Conduct, Complaints and Appeals

- Academic integrity is one of the core values of UCD and describes the expectation for integrity and honesty and adhering to the highest ethical standard in all academic activity.

- Academic integrity means that you are expected to ensure that the work that you present for assessment is your own work and that the use of work and / or ideas of others are acknowledged using a recognised referencing system. In the SNMHS we adhere to the Harvard Reference style.

- You should value honesty in your scholarship. Working independently, expressing original ideas, and appropriately acknowledging the ideas of others are important skills that will benefit you beyond your time at UCD & SNMHS.

- The UCD Academic Integrity Policy is underpinned by the values of Honesty, Trust, Fairness, Respect, Responsibility and Courage. The link below with bring you to the Academic Integrity Policy where it can be downloaded: https://hub.ucd.ie/usis/!W_HU_MENU.P_PUBLISH?p_tag=GD-DOCLAND&ID=24

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Academic Regulations

- 4.14 A student is responsible for the academic integrity of any assessment they submit. Module Coordinators shall take all appropriate steps to evaluate the academic integrity of any assessment submitted by students. The Head of School shall ensure that robust procedures in accordance with University policies and procedures are in place to address any alleged breaches of academic integrity.

- The link will bring you the policy where it can be downloaded and read: Regulations and Policy - UCD Current Students

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Academic Misconduct

- Academic misconduct (also known as academic dishonesty or academic malpractice) "is any attempt by someone to seek unfair advantage in relation to [an] academic activity or which facilitates others to gain an unfair advantage, or to profit from the sharing or selling of your own or others' work without permission".

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Examples of academic misconduct I

- **Plagiarism** - "Presenting work / ideas taken from other sources without proper acknowledgement." (See policy for more detail)

- **Self-plagiarism**: Reusing one's own work without citing or acknowledging its original use. This could mean submitting one piece of work in more than one course.

- **Recycling**: The "practice of data fragmentation or salami slicing where the author(s) separate aspects of a study" or their work. "Writers should recycle their own material carefully and sparingly."

- **Misrepresentation of authorship**: The submission of someone else's work (or part thereof) as one's own, when the work (all or in part) has been produced by, or purchased from, another person or party.

- **Contract cheating**: a form of academic misconduct where "a person uses an undeclared and/or unauthorised third party, online or directly, to assist them to produce work for academic credit or progression, whether or not payment or other favour is involved".

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Examples of academic misconduct II

- **Collusion** or violating the limits of acceptable collaboration in coursework set by a faculty member or School, through "undisclosed collaboration of two or more people on an assignment or task, which is supposed to be completed individually".

- **Fabricating or falsifying data**, information or sources of information in coursework or lab work, or forms submitted to the School/Module Coordinator/Instructor.

- **Facilitating academic dishonesty** by assisting another student to obtain an academic advantage by dishonest or unfair means.

- *Further examples are detailed in the policy*

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UCD & SNMHS Approach

- Academic integrity focuses on positive student behaviours, rather than the more negative behaviour associated with plagiarism.

- In line with UCD Teaching & Learning and best available evidence, guidance on preventing plagiarism emphasises education and prevention, over detection.

- Therefore, we aim to develop your sense of academic integrity in order to prevent you engaging in plagiarism.

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Helpful Resources

Library Resources
- https://libguides.ucd.ie/academicintegrity

Writing Centre
- UCD Writing Centre provides free, one-to-one tuition and a range of workshops on all aspects of the writing process
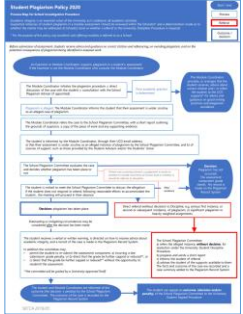
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SNMHS Procedures

This link will bring you to the School website where the process map can be downloaded.

https://www.ucd.ie/nmhs/t4media/secca_plagiarism_process_map%20(1).pdf

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Thank you for your attention.

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