

**Responsibility:** The policy has a clear outline of responsibilities for all relevant stakeholders, including university management, academic and professional staff, and students.

**Example:** The University of Canberra's "[Student Academic Integrity Policy](#)" includes detailed responsibilities for different members of the university community.

## University of Canberra

### Responsibilities

#### University

1. The University has responsibility to:
  - a) set in place policies and procedures relating to academic integrity;
  - b) provide training for staff to minimise opportunities for academic dishonesty, and to help staff deal with any instances;
  - c) provide advice for students to avoid plagiarism;
  - d) provide students accused of academic misconduct proper opportunity to answer allegations;
  - e) provide and advertise a process for students to appeal decisions involving academic misconduct;
  - f) maintain records of established academic misconduct in a Student Academic Misconduct Register.

#### Executive staff

2. The Vice-Chancellor is responsible for referring more serious cases of academic misconduct to the Student Conduct Committee for a Committee Inquiry.
3. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) is responsible for maintaining the Student Academic Misconduct Register.

#### Associate Deans (Education)

4. Associate Deans (Education) have a responsibility to:
  - a) investigate alleged cases of academic misconduct;
  - b) ensure that allegations of academic dishonesty are based on firm evidence;
  - c) follow University policy and procedures when dealing with cases of academic dishonesty;
  - d) conduct Summary Inquiries;
  - e) refer more serious cases to the Vice-Chancellor for possible consideration by a Committee Inquiry;
  - f) notify the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) of cases of academic misconduct for recording in the Student Academic Misconduct Register, except in the case of a finding of unintentional plagiarism.

#### Unit Convenors

5. Unit Convenors have a responsibility to:
  - a) explain to students both good scholarly practice and the concept of plagiarism;
  - b) ensure students are informed of referencing requirements and academic conventions for the use of others' work, as appropriate for the discipline area;
  - c) inform students of obligations regarding acknowledgment of collaborative work, and give clear guidelines for group work;

- d) give clear feedback about referencing problems;
  - e) refer students to sources of advice on writing such as the Academic Skills Program and Library information sessions on referencing;
  - f) ensure Unit Outlines contain:
    - links to information on referencing and to Faculty style guides
    - information on any unit-specific materials permitted in examinations.
  - g) notify the Associate Deans (Education) of cases of alleged academic misconduct;
6. Unit Convenors who intend to use text-matching software through an external service must:
- a) state in the Unit Outline that the service will be used;
  - b) obtain written permission from each student on the assignment coversheet before using the service to check the student's work.

### **Students**

7. Students have a responsibility to:
- a) read, understand and respect the policy and rules concerning academic integrity;
  - b) familiarise themselves with the conventions of referencing in their discipline;
  - c) familiarise themselves with conduct and materials permitted in examinations;
  - d) avoid all acts which could be considered instances of academic dishonesty.

Source: Student Academic Integrity Policy

[https://guard.canberra.edu.au/policy/policy.php?pol\\_id=3175](https://guard.canberra.edu.au/policy/policy.php?pol_id=3175)

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