OBTL: Alerting Students to their Ethical Responsibility – Plagiarism Prevention & Detection

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Ever since ICT has been introduced into teaching, academic integrity and plagiarism have been an increasing problem.

In recent years, the number of incidents of academic dishonesty, especially plagiarism, has increased at CityU.

Some students demonstrated a lack of familiarity with university academic integrity procedures/ rules/ regulations.
Background

- Some students demonstrated a lack of understanding of how to properly paraphrase original passages (Accidental Plagiarism).

- It is best to alert students to the importance of academic integrity at the earliest possible stage and to constantly reinforce its importance to them throughout their studies at CityU.

- Students will be able to appreciate what it means to have academic integrity and also will be convinced that plagiarism is an unacceptable behavior.
CityU’s Current Effort

- Departmental or faculty policies
- Educating students the concept of academic honesty and copyright by Library colleagues
- English Language Centre courses covering the skills on academic writing
- Education Development Office Promoting the application of SafeAssign by teachers to raise the awareness of plagiarism among students

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Institutional Effort

- Honesty in Academic Work: A Guide for Students and Teachers at The Chinese University of Hong Kong

  [https://cupide2.cse.cuhk.edu.hk/cupide/](https://cupide2.cse.cuhk.edu.hk/cupide/)

- Academic Honesty at CityU
Benefits of Using Online Tutorials

- Students are allowed to learn the materials at their own pace, during their own free time, and also wherever they wish to.

- Students gain a common foundation of knowledge before they start attending their regular courses.
Encouraging academic integrity
An online tutorial

By completing the online tutorial, students should be able to:

- Explain the values underpinning academic integrity.
- Define plagiarism, intellectual property and academic misconduct.
- Explain the consequences for students of plagiarism and academic misconduct at CityU
- Identify strategies for good academic practice in writing, e.g. acknowledging sources materials.
Annual Report of the Student Discipline Committee for 2007/08

Review of the Code of Student Conduct

“The current Code of Student Conduct is under review as it has been observed that the existing Code, which applies the same procedure in handling both academic dishonesty and misbehavior cases, cannot deal with the former cases effectively. It is suggested that a separate section on the handling of academic dishonesty cases be modified and added to the current Code of Student Conduct. It will be reviewed by legal professionals before presenting to the Senate for approval and implementation.”
“When handling one of the plagiarism cases in the Student Discipline Panel, members raised concern on the education aspect of dealing with plagiarism of students and requested the Student Discipline Committee to work with the EDO to consider measures to educate students from committing plagiarism. The Student Discipline Committee is now working with the EDO in designing an online interactive course to raise the students’ awareness in this matter. Apart from re-emphasizing the wrongs of plagiarism by academic staff in their communication with students, it is suggested that all new students will be required to complete this online course during their first semester of study at the University to enhance their understanding of plagiarism and raise their awareness on academic honesty.”
Thank you!

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