

**Addressing academic integrity policy of Baltic State-financed universities
in online public space**

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Abstract:

Academic integrity determines the trust that society has in educational diplomas, the quality of education, and the results of scientific research and, more broadly, influences honesty, respect for ethical principles, and fair behavior of society members. Thus, higher education institutions should have clear, transparent and well communicated policies to defend academic integrity among all stakeholders. Taking into account the worldwide dependence on digital technologies, online communication channels should be also used for this purpose. Using qualitative research strategy based on document analysis, the paper addresses academic integrity policy of Latvian and Lithuanian largest state-financed universities in online public space. In general, the research findings indicate a poor correspondence of the policy of the selected universities to the components of exemplary academic integrity policy.

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