

Academic integrity glossary

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Abstract:

There are many reasons why it is important to keep unanimous understanding on terms, particularly in the field of academic integrity. One such reason is to shape homogeneous understanding on phenomena and related normative standards in order to make appropriate decisions regarding unethical or questionable behavior in academia, either as prevention or sanctioning. Furthermore, exploring definitions of terminology in common use exposes evidence that definitions are often narrow, unclear, multiple and contested and fail to catch up with realities. Thus, it is difficult to develop strategies and policies relating to misconducts, both institutionally or legally, as there is no entire agreement about exact meanings of terms such as integrity. Again, due to misconceptions about terminology students may fail to understand acceptable academic standards. Therefore we aim to present concepts related to academic integrity and their definitions that derive from glossary development group experts' agreement in the Erasmus+ project "European Network for Academic Integrity".

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