WSU Library continues our Academic Integrity Relay Race. Do you know where to refer students for support with academic integrity? Library’s post presents resources, activities, services and workshops that are proven to assist students with developing academic integrity.

CO-CURRICULUM RESOURCES, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN STUDYING WITH ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic misconduct getting you down? The Library has developed resources to help your students learn more and avoid issues of plagiarism, collusion and other forms of academic misconduct. These resources are all based on the University’s educative response to academic integrity.

Passing the baton to win the Academic Integrity Relay

Our Study Smart Advisors and Study Smart Librarians offer face-to-face support for students. Students who prefer to get online help can access the online tutoring service Study Smart Online Advisor through vUWS. We also have a collection of helpful online resources available on the Library website and on the Study Smart website.

Study Smart Librarians offer referencing and citation guidance, as well as providing help on searching techniques. Learning how to search and reference appropriately ensures that students are locating academically sound information and are attributing it correctly. Study Smart Librarian hours are available here.

Study Smart Advisors give support on academic writing and can offer advice on avoiding plagiarism, collusion and other kinds of academic misconduct. If students have previous incidences of misconduct, it may benefit them to learn more by talking to an Advisor. Advisor hours can be accessed here.

The face-to-face Library services are complemented by online resources. The Library’s Successful Searching tutorials offer guidance on how to search and reference. Resources and information on what constitutes academic integrity and how to study with...
integrity can be found on the Study Smart website. Students can also check that they have stayed on track with the Academic Integrity Checklist, a resource you may like to use to empower students to check that their own work is academically sound.

In 2017 the Library developed the Academic Integrity Module, a specialised module in consultation with the AIM Working Party. The module supports students by building an awareness of common mistakes, highlighting resources available through the Library and equipping students with strategies for success to carry through their University journey and into their professional lives.

When the module was piloted in Summer 2017, 79% of surveyed students agreed that the module helped them understand academic integrity, while 97% of students agreed that they were confident about applying academic integrity to their studies after completion of the module.

Staff comments on the module also indicate its usefulness. One staff member called the module “an excellent initiative” while another responded: “I liked the structure and student interview style. I think this would appeal to many students as the module did not require them to read large slabs of text” (AIM Summer A Pilot Report, December 2017).

A large-scale pilot implementation of the Module will begin in 2019 and will involve the majority of commencing undergraduate students. All students will be required to complete the Module as from 2021.

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