

Academic Honesty: Advice for Students prior to Submission

Academic integrity and honesty are central to our role as educators and learners at the University of Exeter. Upholding these principles is something we take seriously. As a result, we want to ensure that students have the skills that allow them to work with existing knowledge and create new knowledge in a way that is ethical and transparent.

Academic integrity and honesty means the following:

- Ensuring fairness to those who have produced new knowledge and ideas, and giving the credit for this, through the use of an appropriate referencing system.
- Ensuring that the work that a person says is their own, is indeed their own work.
- Discouraging learners from cheating or falsifying work to gain unfair personal advantage.

To help the University to ensure that all student work meets these requirements, student work is submitted through Turnitin, a computer programme which checks for similarities against material within its extensive database of publications and texts. The University does this to help ensure that where it is awarding credit this is for work that is the student's own. It also ensures that everyone is being held to the same standard and that no individual is being given an unfair advantage over others. Providing any material you use is appropriately referenced or attributed to the original author then you have nothing to worry about.

Turnitin also allows the University to identify students who are struggling with working in this way and, in the first instance, to provide them with support in order to ensure that in future they are working with the principle of academic honesty.

If you would like further information about academic honesty, please refer to our online Academic Honesty and Plagiarism course. All students are automatically enrolled on this course and it is available from your course list within [ELE](#) on the left hand side of the screen.

If you need more information on referencing then please refer to the [Study Zone Digital](#) page on ELE which has specific information on referencing and the University's [library guides](#) for the most common referencing styles.

Please also remember you can speak to your module tutors, or academic personal tutors at any time about referencing and academic integrity and honesty.