# **Academic Integrity**

## Academic Integrity is...

...the values of trust, respect, fairness and honesty. Being part of an academic community means that you have a responsibility to act honestly when submitting work for assessment. We want you to be able to take pride in all your assessments by using 'good academic practice'. You need to ensure you do everything you can to avoid academic misconduct...

#### "Good Academic Practice"

- Learn independently
- Develop your study skills
- Respect other people's ideas by using the correct referencing conventions
- Think critically

#### **Academic Misconduct**

- Collusion
- Fabrication
- Personation
- Cheating
- Plagiarism

### Collusion

"Collusion is the act of collaborating with someone else on an assessment exercise which is intended to be wholly your own work, or the act of assisting someone else to commit plagiarism"

(Maguire 2003; taken from the University of York's Academic Integrity Tutorial)

#### Collusion

- Discussing structure of the essay
- Joint set of notes
- Writing up essays together
- Identical references
- Essays must be written without help from another student
- All words must be your own apart from quotes use quotation marks and include page numbers

#### **Fabrication**

- Making up results
- Altering data
- Making up references
- Using references you haven't read

#### Personation

'act, appear, or produce work on behalf of another candidate in order to deceive the examiners, or solicit another individual to act, appear, or produce work on their own behalf.'

## Cheating

- "fail to comply with the rules governing examinations e.g. by making arrangements to have unauthorised access to information" (UoY Academic Integrity Tutorial, VLE)
- Taking answers (e.g. a crib sheet) into an exam
- Copying from a neighbour in an exam
- Gaining advance information about the contents of an exam

## Plagiarism

- Passing off someone else's ideas as your own
- Copying and pasting off the internet
- Copying from books
- Not giving credit to the source you used
- Theft
  - York treats accidental plagiarism as intentional!

### Tips

- Effective time management
- Start early save the panic at the last minute
- Always write the author and title of source on your reading
- Keep a note of the page number
- Don't copy out word for word
- If you do, use "large quotation marks" or another colour
- Use referencing software such as EndNote or Zotero
- Find out about Turnitin (email tr519@york.ac.uk)