Traversing Difficult Tutorial Terrain: Moving from Plagiarism Perils to Student Scholars

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The Claremont Colleges in Southern California are a consortium of five liberal arts colleges and two graduate institutions.
Violations of academic honesty have been on the rise at undergraduate institutions across the country\(^1\)
Local experience indicated that violations were often due to incomplete understanding of academic honesty
How can the Library help?

\(^1\) International Center for Academic Integrity at Clemson University
“Where Do I Start?”

Do you have an assignment to write a research paper but you’re not sure where to start? Take a deep breath and begin by carefully reading the assignment requirements. This will help you understand the work you need to do.

First, let’s think about what we mean when we say “research.”
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Development

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Students at Honnold Library, Claremont University Consortium. Courtesy of the Claremont Colleges Digital Library, Claremont Colleges Photo Archive.

Part I - The Scholarly Conversation

At colleges and universities all around the world, students and faculty are participating in scholarly conversations, otherwise known as “academic discourse.” This discourse is how scholars engage with each other, communicate their research, and build on existing scholarship to create new knowledge.

In This Module, You Will:

- Learn the meaning of the “scholarly conversation”
- Understand the responsibilities and rights of academia
- Value attribution as a key habit of mind for scholars
Development

- HTML framework
- JavaScript elements
- Historical images
- Sakai (LMS) quiz
- ADA compliant
To cite or not to cite?

In the following cases, do you need a citation? When the correct category is chosen, the answer will "stick" in the box.

Yes, Cite!

- You paraphrase or summarize someone's ideas or opinions

No Need to Cite

- You include uncommonly known facts and statistics
- You include your own opinion
- You include an image from Google
- You create your own video
- You include a commonly known fact
- You borrow code
Faculty Involvement

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Content - Faculty Video Interviews

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Faculty Video Interviews

- All 7 colleges represented
- Variety of disciplines
- Diversity
- Exemplary, tenured faculty
Interview Questions

- How would you define the “scholarly conversation”? 
- Can you describe the importance of attribution in scholarship? 
- What does academic honesty consist of? 
- How do copyright and intellectual property factor into scholarship?
Faculty Video Interviews
Regrets

- Professional-level filming
- Longer timeframe for filming and production

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Faculty feedback

- Writing Center Directors
- First-Year Program Directors
- Librarians
- Students
Examples of Feedback

- Content
- Tone
- Copy edits
IMPLEMENTATION

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Critical Inquiry workshop

● Session co-led by librarian and faculty member
● Introduce faculty to Exploring Academic Integrity Tutorial
● Conversation about how faculty currently teach academic integrity
● Conversation on how the tutorial could be used
Open Faculty Feedback

- Scholarly Conversation Module
- Copyright & Fair Use Module
- Plagiarism in the News Examples
**Usage**

- 387 incoming CMC freshmen
- Pomona chemistry students
- First-year writing classes at the 5Cs (instructor-to-instructor basis)
- Students found in violation of academic honesty at CGU
Next Steps

● Responsive design
● Refreshed videos
● Quiz certificate of completion
● Sharing!
Questions
Discussion Questions

- What is the place of the library in academic integrity education?
- How does academic integrity fit into information literacy?
- Does your library currently address academic integrity in some way?