Overview of the Academic Integrity Course.

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Transcript:

Hello. My name is Dr. Teresa Crease and I am the Associate Dean of Graduate studies. Part of my role is to provide consultation to students and faculty on student progress, and to build productive relationships with students, faculty and staff across the University.

In this video, I will provide information about the Academic Integrity Course, UNIV*7100 that all new graduate students must take during their first semester.

You might be asking why you have to take this course. Perhaps you have been introduced to the concept of Academic Integrity as an undergraduate student, or even as a high school student.

However, as a grad student, you will work with literature, data, and other information from a wide variety of sources. In addition, you may be designing and conducting your own studies and collecting your own data. You may be working more closely with other researchers and negotiating authorship. In addition to your own research and learning, you may have responsibilities as an instructor or teaching assistant, and you may be asked to guide others in their writing and use of sources. Having a strong understanding of academic and research integrity will be helpful to you in all of these contexts and roles.

Thus, we want to ensure that graduate students have a good understanding of academic integrity and the related policies and expectations at the University of Guelph, and to help you avoid committing academic or research misconduct during your graduate program.

You will access the course via Courselink, which is the University of Guelph’s Learning Management System. You will be automatically enrolled in the course, which will be available on the first day of classes.

You can learn about Courselink on the Distance Learning webpage at the link provided at the bottom of this video. You will need your U of Guelph user ID and password to login.

When you login, you will see all the courses in which you have been enrolled as a student and as a Teaching Assistant. Don’t worry if you don’t see the course you will teach yet. The instructor may not yet have enrolled the TAs. You can contact the course instructor if you have any questions about your use of Courselink as a GTA in their course.

You will be required to pass the quiz by the 20th day of classes, which you can find on the Schedule of Dates in the Graduate Calendar. A link to this page has been provided below this video.
If you have not passed the quiz by the end of the semester, an Unsatisfactory grade will be recorded on your transcript, so please do take the time to complete the course.

You have 3 attempts to pass the quiz, and if you are not able to do so, you will be prompted to make an appointment with Writing Services. We encourage you to make use of Writing Services regardless, as they can help you improve your writing no matter what your skill level. You can watch a short video introduction to Writing Services on the library page of this grad orientation website.

Please read the content of the course carefully, even if you think you can pass the quiz without doing so. You may think you know what constitutes Academic Misconduct in general, but it’s a good idea to refresh your memory, and ensure you understand the policy here at the University of Guelph.

If you are not sure if what you have written in a course project, or a thesis proposal is OK, please do not hesitate to ask someone. We would much rather help you avoid committing academic misconduct than penalize you for doing so after the fact.

The complete policy on Academic Misconduct is available in the Graduate Calendar. The link is provided below this video. You are encouraged to read through this section early in your graduate program.

Thanks for watching, and best wishes for a successful graduate program.

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