

## Academic integrity and authenticity: the essentials

To have academic integrity and authenticity means to represent yourself openly and honestly as well as to develop a principled and trustworthy approach to both learning and your professional identity.

How?	By:
Develop authentic academic and professional relationships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● being honest and open with both staff and peers.</li> <li>● engaging and communicating openly and positively with your tutors.</li> <li>● seeking help when you need it.</li> <li>● being truthful about what you have and haven't done.</li> <li>● being truthful about what you feel capable and incapable of.</li> <li>● demonstrating that you are prepared to work hard.</li> <li>● being committed and reliable e.g. following through on your promises and obligations.</li> <li>● being open in discussions.</li> <li>● listening carefully and empathetically to peers and staff.</li> <li>● speaking up, respectfully, for what you believe in.</li> <li>● being mindful of others' needs.</li> </ul>
Develop an authentic academic and professional 'voice'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● allowing research and evidence to enrich your thinking through reading around your subject widely.</li> <li>● taking notice of the language that is used by these groups or writers and creating your personalised specialist language sets (practice using it until it becomes natural).</li> <li>● mapping out the 'territory' of your field of study (finding out what issues or problems and concepts are important).</li> <li>● evaluating this territory in terms of strengths and weaknesses.</li> <li>● aligning yourself with the positions that the evidence suggests are best and that matches your professional experience (or that of others).</li> <li>● developing a system of evidence-based values and approaches in relation to your subject.</li> <li>● considering the impact of your research and ideas on society.</li> <li>● being honest in your presentation of your work, crediting your sources. Don't plagiarise or in other ways misrepresent yourself.</li> </ul>

For more detail, see the How do I develop 'academic integrity and authenticity' and avoid 'plagiarism' Full guide and the Turnitin guides.