

TRUE YOGA: ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND MISCONDUCT POLICY

I General

1. True Yoga is committed to the values of fairness, trust and transparency in academic work. Any issue involving misconduct will therefore be taken very seriously.
2. In fulfilment of this objective course tutors will use their best endeavours to ensure that students understand the importance of academic integrity and support students in their work.
3. This policy is for use in connection with a student's work. Any issues involving course tutors or officers of the organisation will be investigated in line with the Malpractice Policy (see www.trueyoga.co.uk/policies).

II Definitions

1 Academic integrity

Academic integrity is the ability to produce work that is one's own and comes from independent critical thought. It is also the ability to clearly reference any work that is not one's own and thus implicitly demonstrate that all other work is original.

2 Academic Misconduct

- 1 Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to cheating, dishonesty and plagiarism.
- 2 Plagiarism in the conduct of taking someone else's ideas or work and passing them off as one's own.
- 3 Any academic misconduct is a serious offence. Any tutor suspecting such misconduct will:
 - (i) Discuss the issue with the student and keep a written record of the discussion
 - (ii) Notify the IQA in writing or by email of the issue and the discussion had with the student.
- 4 Depending on the severity of the misconduct the course director may apply one or more of the following sanctions:
 - (i) Give an explanation of why the student's conduct was inappropriate and advise the student on how to avoid it.
 - (ii) Ask the student to rewrite the work in their own words citing sources appropriately.
 - (iii) Issue a written warning.

- 5 Where a course is externally accredited then the policy of that organisation must also be followed, the External Quality Assessor notified in writing and any decision taken by them implemented.
- 6 Given the seriousness of any offence under this policy it is recommended that students seek guidance and support from members of the teaching faculty where they are unclear of what might constitute academic misconduct.
- 7 Where a student is unhappy with the outcome of any decision relating to academic misconduct under this Policy they have a right of appeal under the Assessment Appeals Policy (see www.trueyoga.co.uk/policies).