International Perceptions of Academic Honesty

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Session Objectives

• Explain international student attitudes
• Explore similarities & differences
• Aligning teacher-student expectations
Facts and Statistics

National (plagiarism.org)

• Almost 80% of college students admit to cheating at least once (Center for Academic Integrity)
• 36% of undergraduates admitted to plagiarizing written material (Psychological Record)
Facts and Statistics

National (plagiarism.org) cont.

• 54% admitted plagiarizing from Internet
• 74% admitted to serious cheating at least once during past year
• 47% of students think teachers choose not to notice (Education Week)
Facts and Statistics

National (plagiarism.org) cont.

• 55% teachers not willing to expend effort to document cases (Donald L. McCabe study)
Facts and Statistics

GRCC (Spring 2003 Survey)

- Don’t quote/cite internet information
  US=47.4%, Int=64.5%

- Okay to share assignments
  US=10.2%, Int=13.8%

- Share answers during test
  US=10%, Int=35.8%
International students are not the only ones to cheat on tests, copy assignments, or plagiarize.
Academic Honesty at GRCC

1. Speeches
2. Homework
3. Assignments
4. Tests & Exams
Are There Cultural Differences?

1. Japan
2. Korea
3. Vietnam
4. Thailand
5. China
6. Indonesia
Q & A
Aligning Teacher-Student Expectations

1. Syllabi
2. Expectations & consequences
3. Assignments
4. Enforce rules
What To Do About …

1. Dictionaries?
2. Translators?
3. Calculators?
4. Borrowing stationery?
Where To Find Help?

1. WAC code
2. GRCC library website
3. ISS Council (International Student Success)