IOE Ethics Misconduct – (Ethics Approval) for PGT and UG students - Statement for Students

IOE Faculty Process for Managing Ethics Misconduct (Ethics Approval) for PGT and UG students

All research must be conducted ethically, and students are required to gain ethics approval before starting. The ethics review is required to ensure that research conforms to the ethical standards expected by the IOE. More information can be found at IOE Ethics applications for students.

If it appears that students have not sought the correct ethical approval, this will be investigated by the Department in line with the UCL Student Academic Misconduct Procedure.

Where an ethics violation is committed, students will be instructed to cease all data collection and destroy data. Any assessments submitted without the correct ethics approval will not be marked and will be awarded an F/0.00% mark.

Retrospective approval is not permitted and students will be supported in applying for ethics for new research through the ethics application guidance and form. This will include guidance on how to be an ethical researcher.

A further second attempt of the assessment will be capped at a Pass mark C/ 40.00%.

All other forms of Research Misconduct will be investigated under UCL's Procedure for investigating and resolving allegations of misconduct in academic research.

Any further instances of Ethics Misconduct (ethics approval) will result in failure of the second attempt and the student will be required to exit the programme without an award.

When considering the application of the Adjudication and Penalty Framework in cases of Academic Misconduct, any Ethics Misconduct - (ethics approval) may be taken into account.

For cases of Ethics Misconduct – (ethics approval), this can normally be managed through the Expedited Academic Misconduct Process for 2023/24. Where all the criteria is met, students can accept the penalty without the need for a Departmental Panel.

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