



Academic Dishonesty in Romania and Moldova

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Academic Dishonesty (AD)

- Unethical conduct related to academic activities, may include:
 - Cheating
 - Plagiarism
 - Sabotage
 - Bribery
 - Deception
 - Fabrication
 - Impersonation
 - Professorial misconduct

AD in the News

- Romania and Moldova
 - Moldovan Prime Minister Gaburici resigns amid reports of falsified diplomas - June 12, 2015
 - Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta gave up his Ph.D. in Law amid accusations of plagiarism - December 16, 2014
 - Dr. Olesia Mihai of Cuza University in Iasi plagiarized much of her doctoral thesis from the doctoral thesis of Dr. Jay W. Ruud at University of Wisconsin - 2013
 - Students at University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova reported a positive attitude towards plagiarism that was “disturbing” - Badea-Voiculescu, 2013
 - Romania’s National Ethics Council dissolved but reported clear evidence of plagiarism by three prominent figures at University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Targu-Mures - June 8, 2012
 - Corina Dumitrescu withdrew her nomination as Romania’s Education Minister amid accusations of plagiarism - 2012
 - Ioan Mang resigned as Romania’s Education Minister amid accusations of plagiarism - May 15, 2012

Recent Research

- 37 studies of student beliefs about academic dishonesty (AD) since 2000 in which AD behaviors are listed
- Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA

Our Instrument

- Section I: Demographics
- Section II: 22 AD behaviors (based on 37 studies). For each behavior we asked:
 - How acceptable is the behavior?
 - How often have they seen someone engage in the behavior?
 - How often have they engaged in the behavior?
 - What consequences have they experienced if they were caught?

Who was in Our Studies?

Demographics

	<i>Romania</i>	<i>Moldova</i>
N	1127	1390
# of universities	6	7
% Female	72.1%	76.0%
% on scholarship	23.1%	31.0%

UNESCO Specialties

<i>Category</i>	<i>Romania</i>	<i>Moldova</i>
Generic Programmes	0	0
Education	0	85
Arts and Humanities	2	313
Social Sciences, Journ. and Info.	640	126
Business, Administration and Law	227	710
Natural Sciences, Math. and Stat.	0	27
Information and Commun. Tech.	180	12
Engineer., Manufac. and Construc.	58	7
Agriculture, Forest., Fish. and Vet.	0	0
Health and Welfare	0	22
Services	8	57

How Well Can We Predict
Academic Dishonesty?

Predictors of Academic Dishonesty

	<i>Romania</i>	<i>Moldova</i>
Gender	Very Small	Very Small*
University	Very Small	Very Small*
Specialty	Very Small	Very Small*
Scholarship	Very Small	Very Small*
Level of coursework	Very Small	Small*
Grade average	Very Small	Very Small
Age	Very Small	Very Small
Observing Others	Small*	Large*
Acceptability	Very Small*	Large*

* Statistically Significant

Are There Different Types of
Academic dishonesty?

Types of Academic Dishonesty Categorized in Both Countries

	Romania	Moldova
Someone Else Taking Test	√ (.589)	√ (.664)
Using Unauthorized Info on a Test	√ (.883)	√ (.830)
Cheating on Assignments	√ (.821)	√ (.793)

Academic Dishonesty Not Categorized Consistently

- Plagiarism (R1, M1)
- Not reporting the AD of others (R1, M1)
- False data (R1, M2)
- False excuses (R1, M2)
- Sabotaging the work of others (R2, M2)

Related Projects

- Academic Adjustment (Universitatea Transylvania din Brasov)
- SafeAssign (State University of New York at Oswego)
- Meta-analysis
- University policies and practices regarding AD
- Student training on AD
- Collect data in the USA

Thank You and Join Us

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