Integrity Insights from India

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The Prompt

- Increased partnerships between Indian Institutions at the graduate, undergraduate and research levels

- Surge in number of Indian students coming to study in Canada

- Timing and opportunity, as colleagues from two different universities, to travel and learn together
The Questions

- How are your students taught the academic rules for writing?
- What do you consider to be academic dishonesty?
- Are they [your students] taught about academic integrity?
- Does your institution have an honour code or code of conduct?
- What would help students better transition into studies at Canadian universities?
Observations

- India is a country that is caught between rural cultures, poverty and overpopulation, and a younger generation that is technically savvy and eager to leave behind the corruption of previous generations
  - http://www.ipaidabribe.com
  - currency upheaval, move to electronic banking
  - media coverage of post-secondary institutions
  - pollution/environmental protection
Places and people

- Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- Indian Institute of Management, Indore
- teri University, Delhi
- Delhi Public School

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I think we could remove all the names and just speak to the array of folks we met - it will take up less space too

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Places and people

- Jawarharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar
- University of the Fraser Valley, Chandigarh Campus
Commonalities

- Use of Turnitin
- Increased reliance on Internet by students
- Codes/discipline committees/penalties
- Concern about role of high schools
- Lack of student preparation for university
Differences

- Biometrics and privacy
- 20 top universities and 250,000 tier 2/3
- Curriculum designed by government, focused on rote learning
- JEE (Joint Entrance Exam) 1.4 million/150-200,000 advance/1-2% admitted
- Role of family and campus community

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Recommendations

• For International Students

  ○ Provide detailed information on academic integrity and student conduct


  ○ Support for students based on learning styles

  ○ Assist with acculturation to life in a new country and being on a new campus
Recommendations

• In General

- Provide detailed information on academic integrity and student conduct
- Develop an academic literacy course as a mandatory requirement for all first year students
- Treat students as a “whole” person that needs support within the discipline process, not just a sanction
Take Aways

• Some students cheat, most don’t

• Don’t make assumptions about:
  o literacy
  o educational context
  o curriculum design

• Recognize social change/modernization implications

• Different verses difficult

• Go experience it yourself

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