

Module 4: GRSC6101 Responsible Conduct of Research (3 hours)

Aims/Objectives

The aim of this course is to reinforce the importance that the University places on the preservation of the values and principles of research integrity in all research conducted at the university.

Content

This module equips RPgs with essential vocabulary, principles, and practices conducive to the promotion of responsible conduct of research in general and in their relevant disciplines. The students will also encounter terminology, texts, and tenets that relate to good conduct in the teaching and research professions.

Enrollment

Students are expected to attend this module before taking the stream-based responsible conduct of research module.

Assessment

Students are required to complete the web-based learning modules (Research Integrity run by Epigeum). Details of the programme will be available to students separately.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the module, students will be able to:

- apply principles of responsible conduct to research project design;
- demonstrate the features of ethical authorship and publication practice in their own writing;
- differentiate between conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment; and
- critically evaluate their own and others' research practices in terms of potential risks and benefits.

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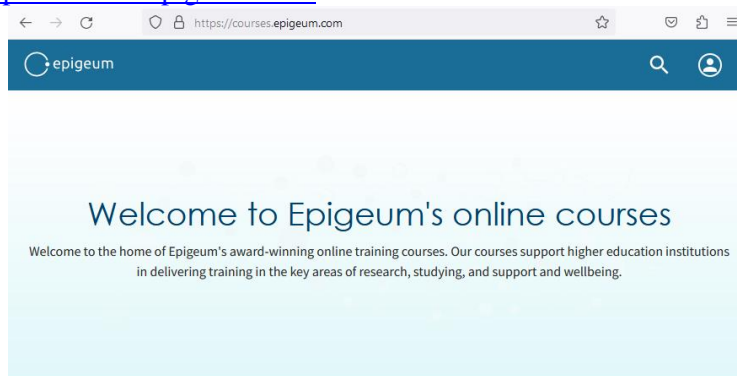
**GRSC6101 Responsible Conduct of Research
Web-based Learning Modules for Research Integrity**

To fulfil the assessment requirement of the Responsible Conduct of Research module, students are required to complete the web-based learning modules for the **Research Integrity** programme developed by Epigeum. The following information is provided to help students to get registered on the Epigeum website.

- (2) **Students must enroll in the Research Integrity programme, where they should:**
- study **ALL the learning modules in the Core component (Research Integrity: Core) and TWO of the learning modules in the Supplementary component (Research Integrity: Supplementary) online**;
 - obtain **a score of at least 80% for each of the module quizzes**; and
 - submit **the THREE completion reports issued by Epigeum to the designated Graduate School email address (see below)** for records of assessment.

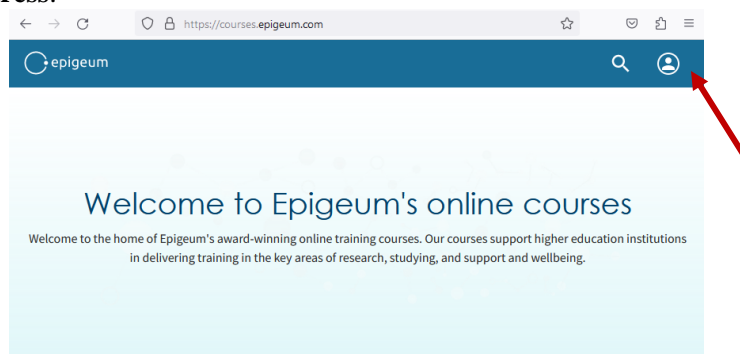
(3) **Any new user of Epigeum must, first of all, register as a new learner and create a learner account. If you have already registered a learner account for the Transferable Skills module, you can just login with your HKU email address and skip steps b-d below. Note that no payment is required for registration.** Below are the step-by-step instructions for registration:

- a. Go to <https://courses.epigeum.com/>



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- b. Click on the button on the top right hand corner and then on “Register” with your **HKU email address**.



In filling in your personal information, remember to enter your name **as you would like it to appear on your programme certificate** received at the end of the programme

- c. Complete the form and **enter the token 67122e5e** during registration.

The screenshot shows the Epigeum registration page. At the top, there is a blue header with the Epigeum logo. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with a home icon and the text 'Register'. The main content area contains the following text and form fields:

- Complete this simple form to register and get started.
- To register, complete the following fields and click the 'Register' button at the bottom.
- If you have a token this can be redeemed once you have registered and logged into your account.
- Enter your first name: * (text input field)
- Re-enter your password: * (text input field)
- Token (optional): (text input field, circled in red in the original image)
- This may have been given to you by the subscribing institution
- Your role at University: * (dropdown menu with 'Please choose' selected)

- d. You will be sent an account activation email to the HKU email address you entered during registration. Please click on the link in the activation email to complete registration and activate your account. If you do not receive the email in your inbox, please check your SPAM/junk mail.
- e. After logging in, click on “View Courses” under **Research Integrity: Second Edition** and study the modules. Once a course has been successfully completed (by achieving 80% or higher in the end of course quiz), you will be able to download your unique certificate of completion.

The screenshot shows the Epigeum 'My Courses' page. At the top, there is a blue header with the Epigeum logo, a search icon, and a user profile icon. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with a home icon and the text 'My Courses'. The main content area contains a grid of course cards:

- Becoming a Researcher**: This programme supports postgraduate researchers to develop the key skills needed for a Master's degree or PhD. It will help you to manage your research project effectively, understand the importance of intellectual property and build positive relationships with your doctoral supervisors. (View Courses)
- Beyond Research**: This programme will support you through the challenges of transitioning from a doctorate to life beyond your current research. It will encourage you to translate your experience into innovation and enterprise, and to reflect on how your career can impact the wider world in a positive way. (View Courses)
- Disseminating Your Research**: This programme supports postgraduate researchers who are starting to think about publishing their research and communicating it more widely, both within and outside academia. It provides a practical guide to the publishing process and explores how researchers can build networks and communicate their work effectively to a range of audiences. (View Courses)
- Entrepreneurship in the Research Context**: In these courses, students and researchers thinking of commercialising their research are challenged to consider issues such as their goals, the viability of their idea, routes to market, and how to mobilise people and finance. (View Courses)
- Ethical Research**: This programme prepares Master's and PhD candidates to face the ethical challenges of their research. It provides guidance on how to work ethically in different circumstances, encouraging researchers to reflect on their assumptions and behaviour. (View Courses)
- Research Integrity, Second Edition**: Research Integrity, Second Edition provides a comprehensive overview of how researchers in the UK can meet their responsibilities, setting out the key principles and practices of good research conduct, and guiding learners through the lifecycle of a research project. (View Courses, circled in red in the original image)

- f. If you require further assistance, please see the [help page](#) or contact the Epigeum customer support team via [this webform](#).

(4) If students have any problems relating to taking the Research Integrity learning modules on Epigeum, they should discuss with the teacher as soon as the course starts.

(5) Passing the Research Integrity learning modules is only part of the course requirements for GRSC6101. To complete the course successfully, students must also fulfill the rest of the assessment requirements as specified in the course syllabus.

(6) Students should **use their hku email account** to send the **THREE completion reports (in PDF format)** issued by Epigeum to Graduate School email account gscourse@hku.hk **within 14 days after the end of the module**. The email subject should be “**Completion reports for GRSC6101**” and the email body should indicate **the name in full and university number**.

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