

## Verify Student Identity and Promote Academic Integrity in Online Learning

The United States Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Public Law 110-315 requires that institutions that offer distance education courses have procedures in place to verify that "the student who registers in a distance education or correspondence education course or program is the same student who participates in and completes the course or program and receives the academic credit."

New Jersey City University has established the following procedures and policies to verify student identity and promote academic integrity in online learning.

Online students are made aware of these policies via a link that is provided on each student's My Web Courses page in Blackboard, as well as on the Online Learning website. The University subscribes to Turnitin, a plagiarism detection service designed to help faculty to identify unoriginal work submitted by students. Training in the use of the Turnitin system is provided to faculty upon request.

## **Responsible Offices**

NJCU system access and authorization procedures are established and maintained by the Department of Information Technology.

The Department of Online Learning administers the Blackboard Learning Management System application and the Turnitin plagiarism prevention service and provides training to faculty in using the tools of Blackboard to promote academic integrity in online teaching and learning.

## References

NJCU Academic Integrity Policy http://www.njcu.edu/uploadedFiles/About\_NJCU/Governance\_and\_Organization/University\_Se