

## **AN EMPIRICAL SURVEY OF AN ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AT A MAJOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN RECENT YEARS: THE MALAYSIAN EVIDENCE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Academic dishonesty is increasingly and becoming a threat to the academic integrity across the world. The results showed that this phenomenon is increasing tremendously from time to time, especially in the context of higher education. This study provides some insight into the activities of academic dishonesty among a major students in a major public universities in Malaysia. The study conducted with convenience sampling technique and the data analyzed using IBM SPSS version 20. The study is based on survey method involves the 670 students in 2016 and 2017. The findings showed 57.4 % percent of students admitted academic dishonesty at least once in in their study. The dominant aspects of academic dishonesty are plagiarizing references in completing assignments and coursework and access information through digital resources. These results could aid the intention and development of ethical awareness for students and could also open the insight of the stakeholders and academic institutions.

**Keywords:** Academic dishonesty, Plagiarism, Malaysian students, academic integrity.