

## Cheating: What is it?

### Plagiarism

1. Using another writer's words or ideas without citing the writer.
2. Not using quotation marks and citing the source when you use other's words and ideas; "others" includes your teachers, fellow students (lab reports, computer programs as well as papers), the Internet books, published papers, newspapers, and magazines.

### Fabrication and Falsification

Making up scientific data or "fixing " data in labs etc.

### "Twofers"

Submitting the same paper for two different classes, without permission from your professor(s).

### Cheating on Exams

1. Copying from another's test paper.
2. Making a copy of a test and giving it to someone or using a test if someone gives it to you.
3. Using technology to take a test for someone or asking someone to take a test for you.

### Inappropriate Collaboration

1. Working with others when you should be doing the work individually.
2. Not doing your share of work when assigned to a group project.

## Zero Tolerance at ASU and Consequences of Cheating

Cheating is not wise. ASU's policy on cheating is zero tolerance. If you are caught cheating, you could face severe short-and-long term consequences, such as:

### Grades

You may fail the test or get a failing grade on the paper; you may fail the course.

### "XE"

You may receive this grade on your transcript signaling that you failed because you cheated. It's on your record!

### Suspension

You may be forced to leave the program (major) you are in and/or the university.

### Reporting

CLAS keeps records of students sanctioned for violations of the academic integrity policy.

### Other Effects

You could be denied admission into a professional program (undergraduate, graduate, medical, law, etc.). You could lose the opportunity for a job, scholarship, or invitations to join professional organizations.

Most important of all, you may risk not being knowledgeable in your profession, and you may damage your reputation permanently. In short, cheating is not worth the cost!

## How to Avoid the Cheating Trap

Develop strategies to avoid cheating or being tempted to cheat. Try these:

### Understand ASU's expectations

Read the Academic Integrity Policy: [provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity](http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity)

Read the ASU Student Code of Conduct and ASU's Academic Integrity Policy at: [www.asu.edu/studentlife/judicial](http://www.asu.edu/studentlife/judicial)

### Ask questions

If you are not sure if something is really cheating, ask your professors, T.A.s, and academic advisors. They are serious about ASU's zero tolerance for cheating and are interested in your success.

### Seek tutoring

Ask your professors and others in your department for help finding academic support. Check out these resources:

1. Learning Resource Center: [www.asu.edu/vpsa/lrc/](http://www.asu.edu/vpsa/lrc/)
2. Math Tutoring Center: [math.asu.edu/fym/TutorCenter/TutorCenter.html](http://math.asu.edu/fym/TutorCenter/TutorCenter.html)
3. Writing Center: [studentsuccess.asu.edu/writing](http://studentsuccess.asu.edu/writing)

### Stay healthy

Learn how to keep stress in check. [students.asu.edu/counseling](http://students.asu.edu/counseling)

**Make academic integrity a high priority.**

## Academic Integrity

As you begin your college career, it's important to develop awareness of your personal values as you strive to meet your academic goals. If you envision yourself becoming a respected, honest, trustworthy person in your chosen profession, develop academic integrity\* in your approach to learning and earning credits toward graduation.

Begin now:

- Be aware of cheating and its consequences.
- Respect zero tolerance and policies at ASU and understand the consequences of cheating.
- Avoid the cheating trap.

Set your standards high.

Welcome to ASU!

\* in·teg·ri·ty, noun.

...firm adherence to a code of especially moral...values: incorruptibility (Merriam-Webster Online, 2004 Merriam-Webster, Incorporated. Available at [www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com). (Accessed 7.07.04).

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