Academic Dishonesty and Academic Integrity

Why do Students Cheat?

- Lack of confidence in their own abilities.
- Ignorance to the rules of style conventions.
- Time pressure (usually caused by their poor time management skills).
- Cheating for a grade often easier than working for a grade.
- “Everyone else is doing it”.
- High reward / low risk.
- Course design and assessments that emphasize grades over learning experiences.

Why does Course Design Matter?

Effective course design can influence students’

- Confidence to do well in a course.
- Ability to cheat.
- Level of understanding on the types of and the consequences of cheating.
- View of the assignments.
- Respect for the instructor, subject matter, and course.
- Sense of integrity.
- Sense of engagement and buy-in to the learning process.

How can you Employ Course Design to Promote Academic Integrity?

- Include an academic integrity statement in your syllabus.
- Encourage questions and open dialogue about academic integrity.
- Make students sign an honor pledge for the class or individual assignments.
- Break down larger assignments into smaller chunks.
- Give students practice and feedback before assessments.
- Work with the Evans Library to promote information literacy.
- Use Turnitin drop boxes in ANGEL, but explain to students how the program works and teach them to check their own work using the tool.
- Create original projects that incorporate multiple deadlines and/or multiple revisions.
- Utilize and rotate authentic questions in your assessments.

What More Resources from FIT?

- Academic Integrity & Academic Dishonesty: A Handbook About Cheating & Plagiarism
- Florida Tech Student Handbook: Academic Honesty

Want to Know What Students See?

- How to Cheat on Any Test 7.6 Million Views on YouTube!
- How to Cheat on Any Test 2 Over 2 Million Views
- How to Cheat on Any Test 3 Nearly 2 Million Views
- 10 Clever Ways to Cheat on Tests!
- How to Cheat On a Test
- The Best Ways to Cheat
- 50 Ways Technology Can Help You Cheat in School
- How to Cheat and Plagiarize Your Way Through College