

# City Tech 101

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# Academic Integrity

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# Today's Topics

- ★ Reasons for Cheating
  - ★ What is Academic Integrity?  
What actions betray CUNY's  
academic Integrity Policy?
  - ★ Who is Harmed by Cheating?
  - ★ Alternatives to Plagiarism or  
Cheating
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# Discussion

## Academic Integrity

**Question #1:** Why do students decide to cheat and plagiarize?

**Question #2:** Is academic integrity important for college students? Why?

**Question #3:** What are some examples of actions that might violate City Tech's Academic Integrity Policy?

## City Tech's Commitment to Academic Integrity

Students and all others who work with information, ideas, texts, images, music, inventions, and other intellectual property owe their audience and sources accuracy and honesty in using, crediting, and citing sources. As a community of intellectual and professional workers, the College recognizes its responsibility for providing instruction in information literacy and academic integrity, offering models of good practice, and responding vigilantly and appropriately to infractions of academic integrity. Accordingly, academic dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York (CUNY) and at New York City College of Technology (City Tech) and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion.

*– NYCCT statement on Academic Integrity*

## Forms of Academic Dishonesty

- a. **Cheating** is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids, devices or communications during an academic exercise.
- b. **Plagiarism** is the act of presenting another person's ideas, research or writings as your own.
- c. **Internet plagiarism** includes submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the internet without citing the source, and "cutting and pasting" from various sources without proper attribution.
- d. **Obtaining unfair advantage** is any activity that intentionally or unintentionally gives a student an unfair advantage in his/her academic work over another student.
- e. **Falsification of records and official documents** includes, but is not limited to, forging signatures of authorization and falsifying information on an official academic record.

# Examples of Cheating

- Copying from another student during an examination or allowing another to copy your work.
- Unauthorized collaboration on a take home assignment or examination.
- Using notes during a closed book examination.
- Taking an examination for another student, or asking or allowing another student to take an examination for you.
- Changing a graded exam and returning it for more credit.
- Submitting substantial portions of the same paper to more than one course without consulting with each instructor.
- Preparing answers or writing notes in a blue book (exam booklet) before an examination.
- Allowing others to research and write assigned papers or do assigned projects, including using commercial term paper services.
- Giving assistance to acts of academic misconduct/ dishonesty.
- Fabricating data (in whole or in part).
- Falsifying data (in whole or in part).
- Submitting someone else's work as your own.
- Unauthorized use during an examination of any electronic devices such as cell phones, computers or other technologies to retrieve or send information.



## Examples of Plagiarism and Internet Plagiarism

- Copying another person's actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source.
- Presenting another person's ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source.
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments.
- Submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the internet without citing the source, or "cutting & pasting" from various sources without proper attribution.

## Examples of Obtaining Unfair Advantage

- Stealing, reproducing, circulating or otherwise gaining advance access to examination materials.
- Depriving other students of access to library materials by stealing, destroying, defacing, or concealing them.
- Retaining, using or circulating examination materials which clearly indicate that they should be returned at the end of the exam.
- Intentionally obstructing or interfering with another student's work.

# Full Academic Integrity Policy

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[https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/docs/academic\\_integrity\\_policy.pdf](https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/docs/academic_integrity_policy.pdf)

# Is this cheating?

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- Let's do the quiz at this link:

<https://guides.centralpenn.edu/academicintegrity/test-plagiarism>

# Who Does Cheating Hurt?

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- The people whose work you steal
- The students around you who may be held to unreasonable expectations
- The school community that suffers from a betrayal of its values and from a potential loss of reputation
- YOU—because you will get a worthless diploma, and you will have deprived yourself of an education!

# What can you do instead?

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Let's think about the alternatives to cheating! Look at the following scenarios and brainstorm ways to handle those situations.

# What can you do instead?

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You have been working hard and completing lots of homework for different classes. You have a paper due for your Psychology class tomorrow morning, and the teacher has a strict no late-work policy.

You start to work on the paper and realize that it is a far more complicated assignment than you thought; there's no way you can get it done. You think that your choices are to search online and find some pre-written paragraphs you can string together into a paper, or take a zero. What should you do?



# What can you do instead?

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You and your friend have the same professor for a Math class, but she is in a different section that meets at an earlier time. She offers to meet with you between classes to tell you the answers to questions on your exam. What do you do?

**Remember,**

Your goal is to get an education,  
not a diploma.

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Anything that interferes with  
that goal is not your friend.

# Recap

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# Before Session 13...

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- Complete Reflection #12

## Reflection #12

*“Students and all others who work with information, ideas, texts, images, music, inventions, and other intellectual property owe their audience and sources accuracy and honesty in using, crediting, and citing sources.”*

*The statement above is from the City Tech Academic Integrity webpage. Paraphrase this quote. What does it mean to you?*

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