



# Aggie Honor System Office

*An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do.*

 

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## Cheating

### Definition:

Intentionally using or attempting to use **unauthorized** materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices or materials in any academic exercise. Unauthorized materials may include anything or anyone that gives a student assistance and has not been specifically approved in advance by the instructor.

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### Examples:

- During an examination, looking at another student's examination or using external aids (for example, books, notes, calculators, conversation with others, or electronic devices) unless specifically allowed in advance by the instructor.
- Having others conduct research or prepare work without advance authorization from the instructor.
- Acquiring answers for any assigned work or examination from any unauthorized source. This includes, but is not limited to, using the services of commercial term paper companies, purchasing answer sets to homework from tutoring companies, and obtaining information from students who have previously taken the examination.
- Collaborating with other students in the completion of assigned work, unless specifically authorized by the instructor teaching the course. It is safe to assume that all assignments are to be completed individually unless the instructor indicates otherwise; however, students who are unsure should seek clarification from their instructors.
- Other similar acts.

### Tips to Students on Avoiding a Cheating Violation

- Do not consult others for assistance without the instructor's approval.
- Do not use old notes or exams unless approved by the instructor, even if "everyone" is doing it.
- Do your own work and be prepared for exams by studying.
- Cheating is often a "desperation" act due to poor time management or lack of preparation. Do not wait until the last minute. It will always take longer to accomplish an assignment than you think it will, so plan accordingly.
- If you are unsure whether an action on your part might be considered cheating, discuss it with your instructor before you do it.

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