

Academic Integrity

Undergraduate Essentials

"No student shall engage in any activity that involves attempting to receive a grade by means other than honest effort"
-UCSD Policy on Integrity

What does academic integrity mean and why is it important to Excel with Integrity?

According to the *International Center for Academic Integrity*, academic integrity means to have the courage to uphold honesty, fairness, responsibility, respect & trust even when difficult, may be tricky to understand or do. We like to think of it this way; if you have done the work yourself then you're most likely using academic integrity. This means you're work is completed according to standards set by the University or the professor, or have otherwise given credit to those who have helped you. Creating work with integrity is important because otherwise, you, as a student, are misrepresenting your knowledge and academic abilities. That then leads the University to falsely certify your accomplishments. And the UCSD degree loses its value and you've wasted your time and talents!

Consequences of Violating Academic Integrity

Because academic integrity is so important to you, your peers, the University and society, UCSD does not tolerate actions that violate it. When you violate academic integrity, it is cheating.

And cheating at UCSD is serious business. Even the violations thought of as "minor" like clicking in for someone, copying homework or submitting another's homework, result in a disciplinary record. This record can be checked by graduate/professional schools and employers. Students also receive an academic penalty which can be an F on the assignment, exam or entire course. There are also many cases where students are suspended for a period of a quarter to two years and can even be dismissed for academic dishonesty. If you are suspended or dismissed, it is notated on the official transcript.

Trust us when we say.....

THE RISK IS NOT WORTH IT!

Choose to Excel with Integrity instead!

How to Excel with Integrity

The work here will be much more difficult than it was in high school or college, but we believe that you CAN excel with integrity while at UCSD. You can do this by:

- **Honestly** completing work to reflect your own knowledge & abilities
- **Respectfully** declining a peer who asks to see or have your work
- Completing your exams by yourself according to standards & expectations
- Telling the **truth** when you have to miss class or an exam
- Having the **courage** to accept a lower grade than you had aimed for
- **Respecting** yourself enough to not help someone else cheat
- Being **responsible** for completing your own work
- Being **fair** by acting only according to standards & expectations
- **Trusting** that rules and guidelines exist to create a more ethical environment for all

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Excelling with integrity isn't always easy. It takes time and practice to develop strength and skills to maintain integrity in the face of stress, pressure and temptations.

Visit our website and learn more about our office at:
<http://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu>

There you can find more explanation of cheating, resources tips and self-tests for **excelling with integrity**, ways to get involved in the integrity leadership, and much more!



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SIGN ME UP!

Get involved and become a Peer Educator

Academic Integrity Matters

To our University, to our careers

To all of us!

Want to get involved on campus? Looking to gain some leadership experience? Enjoy working with other students/helping others? Care about maintaining integrity on the UCSD campus? Want to learn more about the academic integrity policy and procedures? Want to do all of these things plus more while having fun and making great new friends?

If you answered **YES** to more than one of those than come on down and sign up to be a **PEER EDUCATOR!** Our Peer Educators help advise students, receive awesome leadership experience, gain a supportive community, and feel the satisfaction of making a difference and helping their peers.



For more information on how to get involved with our office or sign up to be a peer educator go on our website at:

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Or send us an email at

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Excel with Integrity!

Submit a drawing, video, song or written piece that expresses how you excel with integrity, or why you think it is important to excel with integrity!

Everybody loves free money!

- 1st Place Winner- \$250 Triton Cash
- 1st Runner Up - \$150 Triton Cash
- Honorable Mentions may also be awarded

Contest ends on
February 22, 2016

Submit your entry to:

Integrity@ucsd.edu

For competition rules & details & to find out about our other events or contests:

***Open to all UCSD students**

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