

CONTRACT CHEATING

Submitting academic work that has been completed by someone else is called contract cheating. It doesn't matter if the work was completed by a classmate, family member or a paid service.



I was reading course material online and the webpage offered a service to complete my assignment. Is that ok?

Built in advertising can look like part of a webpage, fooling the reader into thinking it's a trustworthy service. Having someone else complete your work is always contract cheating.



Are homework help websites and online tutors ok?

You may be able to get legitimate help from homework sites, but the content is unverified and often posted without approval. You may be tempted to use answers you find as your own. Any tutor or support service should be teaching you how to do the work on your own, not providing you with completed work. Submitting work completed by someone else is contract cheating.



My friend has asked to see a copy of my assignment, just to make sure they are following instructions correctly.

If you allow a classmate to have a copy of your work, you run the risk of your work being copied. Whether you consented to cheating or not, you will still be involved when your instructor finds the assignments are similar or the same. You run the risk of an academic penalty.



I have too many assignments due this week and I'm also working extra shifts. I won't be able to complete all the work.

Plan ahead and don't take on more extra activities than you can manage. You would be better to ask your instructor for an extension, then to make a poor choice. Make sure you talk to your instructor well before the deadline to request an extension.



Contract cheating sounds worse than it is. Who cares if I get caught and lose a few marks?

The consequences for contract cheating can start with failing an assignment and lead to suspension from your program. Not only are you jeopardizing your education, but also your reputation. How will you be able to work in your industry, if you don't have the knowledge you need?



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