

# WHAT IS CONTRACT CHEATING?

A type of academic dishonesty where students get academic work completed on their behalf to submit for credit as if they had created it themselves. (<http://www.contractcheating.com/>)

Students may use online companies advertising “help” and pay them to complete the work, search for the exact question/problem provided by an instructor, post questions/problems themselves for someone else to answer, or copy work directly from an online source

## CONTRACT CHEATING JEOPARDIZES YOUR EDUCATION, AND...

- Creates a knowledge gap that could affect your competence in their chosen field, and those you serve in your field
- Devalues the degree earned, as it has not been earned honestly.
- Jeopardizes the ability of professors to evaluate your learning.
- Challenges your character and integrity.

Sharing information with contract cheating companies can result in advertising and spamming of ‘academic services’ via individual social media networks, text messages and email. Some situations have resulted in students being blackmailed for more money.

(Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency TEQSA, 2017, p. 7)

By choosing to avoid these sites and services, students instead demonstrate commitment to positive character traits such as endurance, perseverance, self-discipline, determination and honesty.

## STRUGGLING WITH A SUBJECT, COURSE, OR TOPIC AREA

INSTEAD OF CHOOSING CONTRACT CHEATING:

Make use of your instructor's office hours, class resources (learning labs, etc.) and use the [ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER](#) (for tutoring, supplemental instruction, academic coaching) or [WRITING & MEDIA CENTER](#) (for writing support and assistance)



## CONTINUED DIFFICULTIES OR LOW GRADES DESPITE EFFORT

INSTEAD OF CHOOSING CONTRACT CHEATING:

Ask faculty for tips or suggestions on how to improve, obtain a tutor through [ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER](#), contact [STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES](#) if you believe you may have a learning disability, or speak to your advisor about adjusting your schedule and drop deadlines



## PERSONAL ISSUES IMPACTING FOCUS OR LEARNING

INSTEAD OF CHOOSING CONTRACT CHEATING:

Reach out to your faculty, advisor, and use these resources:

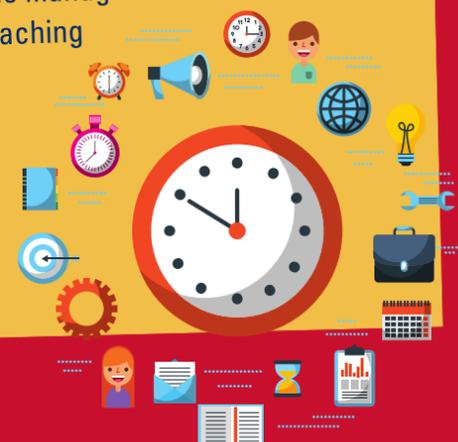
[STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES](#)  
[THERAPY ASSISTANCE ONLINE \(TAO\)](#)  
[OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE](#)  
[STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES](#)



## COMPETING OBJECTIVES OR DIFFICULTY PRIORITIZING

INSTEAD OF CHOOSING CONTRACT CHEATING:

Contact the [ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER](#) regarding time management resources and academic coaching



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