Agenda

• What is Academic Integrity?
• How common is academic dishonesty?
  – Do online students cheat more often?
• Why do students cheat?
  – Plagiarism
• What can we do to promote Academic Integrity?
• Resources
What is Academic Integrity?

• Intellectual honesty
  – Using information
  – Formulating arguments
• In the pursuit of knowledge & understanding

Academic Integrity demonstrates

• Commitment to fundamental values
  – Honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility
How common is academic dishonesty?

Poll

How prevalent do you think academic dishonesty is in higher education?
How common is academic dishonesty?

- College: Percentages range from 9% - 90% *
- Cheating is so common, some students do not recognize their behavior as dishonest *
- Teachers & administrators altered grades on standardized tests required by No Child Left Behind law **
- NPR statistics: 2/3 parents think cheating is “no big deal” and “all students do it” **


** Retrieved from: http://education-portal.com/articles
How common is academic dishonesty?

Polls

1. What kind of students cheat?
2. Who cheats more?
3. In which academic disciplines does cheating occur most frequently?
How common is academic dishonesty?

- 60.8% polled college students admit cheating
- 16.5% had no regrets
- Cheaters have higher GPA’s
- Public is more concerned than colleges
- Cheating starts in high school
- 85% think cheating is essential
- 95% of cheaters do not get caught
- Top tier paper mill web site averages 8,000 hits per day

Data retrieved from: [http://oedeb.org/library/features/8-astonishing-stats-on-academic-cheating](http://oedeb.org/library/features/8-astonishing-stats-on-academic-cheating)
Poll
Do online students cheat more often?
In a study of 635 undergraduate and graduate students:

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<th>Online Class</th>
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<td>Students who admitted to cheating</td>
<td>32.7%</td>
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<td>Students caught cheating</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
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<td>Students who received test/quiz answers from another student who had taken it</td>
<td>20.3%</td>
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Although a higher percentage of students admitted cheating in online classes, a larger number of students admitted to cheating in live classes.

Source: www.onlinecollege.org
How common is academic dishonesty?

• We Take Your Course

• Online Class Help

• Boost My Grades
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Why do students cheat?
Why do students cheat?

- Fear of failure
- Inability to handle difficult material
- Time management
- To get ahead, grade pressure
- Because others do it, if they do not cheat, they will be unfairly disadvantaged
- Viewed as a means to a profitable end
- Campus norm, no honor code, penalties not severe, little chance of getting caught, lack of faculty support of academic integrity policies

Data retrieved from: http://www.stanford.edu/class/engr110/cheating.html
Why do students cheat?

• Individual characteristics
  – Academic achievement, age, gender, major
  – Students with lower gpa, scholarship pressure

• Peer influences
  – Viewed as an acceptable practice

• Instructor influences
  – Attitude & efficacy

• Institutional policy

• 80% college students admit to cheating at least once  
  Center for Academic Integrity

• 36% undergraduates admit plagiarizing written material  
  Psychological Record

• 90% students believe cheaters are either never caught or have never been appropriately disciplined  
  Poll from US News & World Reports
What can we do to promote Academic Integrity?

Focus on prevention & education
• Design of assignments
• Preventive technology
• Alternative resources
• Training
• Honor codes
• University culture

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  – Blackboard tools
• Alternative resources
  – Web 2.0 tools

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Assessment & Evaluation

• Provide rubrics or detailed grading criteria
• Use Blackboard settings
  – Test bank, randomized answers, force completion, time limit, show questions one at a time, password protect exams, use lockdown browser
• Change test questions each semester

WCET: Best Practice Strategies to Promote academic Integrity in Online Education
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Authentic Assessments

• Assignments that require written work & problem solving
• Use different assessment strategies (quizzes, short & long papers, test questions requiring application of a theory or concept)

Examining performance on worthy intellectual tasks

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Virtual Academic Integrity Laboratory

A resource for academic integrity in the 21st century classroom

Website: [http://www.umuc.edu/library/vail/](http://www.umuc.edu/library/vail/)
• Plagiarism.org
• National Association of Writing Professionals: http://wpacouncil.org/node/9
• Biggest Cheating Fails: http://elitedaily.com/elite/slideshows/biggest-cheating-fails-collegiate-history/?slide=1