

Contract Cheating

CREATING A CULTURE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Ryerson University students work hard. The value of our degrees and/or certificates depends on each of us taking responsibility for academic integrity. Being a member of the Ryerson community means that we all (students, faculty, and staff) must uphold the academic integrity values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, courage¹ as well as trustworthiness, especially when it seems difficult.

WHAT IS CONTRACT CHEATING?

"Contract cheating occurs when one person completes academic work (e.g. assignment, exam, paper, test, quiz) for another person who then submits it for academic credit." (<http://contractcheating.weebly.com/>)

Examples of Contract Cheating:

- Getting or giving "help" on file sharing websites
- Purchasing and/or using other people's work
- Having an unauthorized person/service edit work without permission

CONTRACT CHEATING IS A CONCERN FOR ALL

- Provides an academic advantage to the student who contract cheats over their peers
- Students who contract cheat do not gain the knowledge and skills that they need to be successful in university and in the work force
- Devalues the education of other students who followed academic integrity expectation
- Contributes to a culture of dishonesty and the commercialization of education
- Damages Ryerson's reputation and the value of Ryerson degrees and certificates

AVOID CONTRACT CHEATING!

- Understand what constitutes contract cheating
- Speak to your Faculty/Instructors and GA/TAs if you are feeling overwhelmed
- Don't pay for 'tutoring' or 'essay' services online or off campus
- Believe that your voice and contribution to the university matters
- Know your responsibilities regarding Ryerson's academic integrity policy
- Learn about stress reduction, time management, study strategies and reading and writing skills by accessing the amazing FREE services at Ryerson University

Resources can be found on the next page

¹International Centre for Academic Integrity

Services and Resources

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Academic Integrity Office (AIO)

The AIO exists to ensure that *Policy 60: Academic Integrity* is carried out in a fair and transparent way and to provide educational resources to the Ryerson community regarding academic integrity and misconduct. The AIO provides guidance and support to students and decision makers and ensures that all parties are aware of their rights and responsibilities. The AIO is neutral with respect to all cases and is neither an advocate for students or faculty nor a decision-maker in the process.

Policy 60: Academic Integrity: www.ryerson.ca/senate/policies/pol60.pdf

Academic Integrity Office Website: www.ryerson.ca/academicintegrity

Student Learning Support (SLS)

Writing, Math, English Language Support, Study Skills

SLS offers workshops on a variety of topics designed to help you become more familiar with the essential skills necessary for academic success and allow you to build a foundation for academic skill-building.

Contact: sls@ryerson.ca | 416-598-5978 | www.ryerson.ca/studentlearningsupport

Academic Accommodation Support

Contact: aasadmin@ryerson.ca | 416-979-5290 |

www.ryerson.ca/studentlearningsupport/academic-accommodation-support

Ryerson University Library and Archives

The librarians and website of the Ryerson Library are an excellent resource for research, citation and how-to videos.

Contact: refdesk@ryerson.ca | 416-979-5055 | library.ryerson.ca

Centre for Student Development and Counseling (CSDC)

Contact: 416-979-5195 | ryerson.ca/healthandwellness/counselling

If you need immediate support, please see:

ryerson.ca/healthandwellness/counselling/students/If_You_are_in_Crisis/

Good2Talk

Contact: 1-866-925-5454 | www.good2talk.ca