

The background is a collage of images. On the left, there are stacks of papers in shades of purple and blue. On the right, there is a large, semi-transparent clock face. The overall color palette is vibrant, with purple, blue, green, and yellow tones.

How to Deal With Cheating: Classroom, Student Affairs and Legal Insights

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Presentation Outline

- Prevalence
- Methods
- Detection
- Deterrence
- Response
- Legal Issues





Prevalence of Cheating

■ How is it estimated?

- Anonymous and confidential surveys (most prevalent)
- Observation (worst)
- Technology

■ Prevalence

- Elementary school: 10-20%
- High school: 75-95%
- College: 75%-95%
- Medical school:

Prevalence of Cheating

Type of Cheating	% students	
	1961	1991
Copied from another student's exam	26	52
Helped another student cheat on exam	23	37
Used crib notes to cheat on exam	16	27

McCabe DL. What We Know about Cheating in College: Longitudinal Trends and Recent Developments. 1996 Change 28(1):31

Methods of Cheating

- Giving, taking, or receiving info
 - Codes
 - Scams
- Forbidden materials
 - “Crib” or cheat sheets
- Circumventing the test process
 - Scams
 - Time zone test heist
 - Web



Detecting Cheating

- Two sources of evidence is ideal
 - Observation – detailed documentation by multiple proctors
 - Statistical evidence – most useful on multiple choice examinations
 - Based on the probability of the number of shared incorrect answers
- One without the other makes cheating very difficult to prove.



Detering Cheating

- Address cheating in advance
 - Classroom rules
 - Discuss academic integrity, what constitutes cheating, and consequences
- Be fair and open regarding testing
 - Notice
 - Exam characteristics and testing process
- Adjust Test Characteristics
 - Test Format



Detering Cheating

- Be serious and attentive during testing
- Ensure test security
- Provide secure test environment
- Don't encourage cheating
- Don't use grades punitively
- Foster a learning orientation



Detering Cheating

- Policy on Cheating or Academic Integrity
- Honor Code
- Law
 - Texas Penal Code – Deceptive Preparation and Marketing of Academic Product

Responding to Cheating

■ Strategies for Cheating

- Take the matter seriously
- Be aware of subjectivity and inference
- Consider the good of all students
- Gather and maintain evidence
- Maintain confidentiality
- Make the punishment fit the crime



Legal Issues and Cheating

- Due Process / Due Course of Law
 - Texas Constitution
 - U. S. Constitution
- Discipline for Academic Insufficiency
 - Evaluation /grading is subjective
 - Formal hearing not required

Legal Issues and Cheating

- Discipline for Conduct Violations
 - Factual issues exist
 - Formal hearing required unless waived





Legal Issues and Cheating Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

■ Standards of Conduct

- Federal, State and local laws
- Regents' *Rules and Regulations*
- UT Southwestern *Handbook of Operating Procedures*



Legal Issues and Cheating Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

■ Subject to Discipline

- Any student
- Conduct on or off campus
- Whether or not civil or criminal penalties imposed

Legal Issues and Cheating Scholastic Dishonesty

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Collusion
- Submission for credit work / materials attributable to another person



Legal Issues and Cheating Scholastic Dishonesty

- Any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student
- Attempt to commit such acts





Legal Issues and Cheating Student Conduct and Discipline Policy



- Meeting with Dean or Designee
 - Summoned by written request
 - Facts Not Disputed → Dean imposes discipline
- Hearing
 - Hearing Officer named by President
 - University has burden of proof
 - Attorneys – Advisory capacity only



Legal Issues and Cheating Student Conduct and Discipline Policy



Penalty

- Hearing Officer assesses penalty
 - Appeal
 - President
 - Student — Penalty Assessed by Dean / Designee
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Legal Issues and Cheating Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

- Appeal, cont.
 - Student or Dean / Designee –
Hearing Officer Decision
- Disciplinary Record