

ICAI Conference Takeaways

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY



Four Emerging Themes:

Understanding Why Students Cheat

Contract Cheating

Policy Considerations

Impacting the Culture



Understanding Why Students Cheat

Reasons why students cheat:

- Age
 - Gender – More males than female
 - Peer Related Factors – Everyone is doing it and not getting caught...
 - GPA
 - Language Barrier/Culture
 - Admission Requirements
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Understanding Why Students Cheat

How do we minimize the opportunity to cheat?

- Lessen stakes on exams, but not too low.
 - Assessment design
 - Know your students – students know you (instructor) - Personalize
 - Manage exam room
 - Knowledge checks
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Contract Cheating

The continuum of Contract Cheating

Eliminating the myths

How non-friends/family contract cheating operates

Contract cheating is happening worldwide.



Policy Considerations

Rules about “self-plagiarism” – for both Students AND Faculty

A restorative practice process for those students who have committed a violation

Develop a robust process of investigation

More complete/clear/consistent practice for reviewing cases, adjudicating cases, or reporting cases by faculty and administration – Maxient use

Contract cheating as a part of the policy



Impacting the Culture

Teaching students about academic standards

Integrate AI into classes as part of the curriculum

Addressing cultural differences in academia

Understand and incorporate a student perspective – address it

- Remix Culture vs copyright

Sense of community – part of their values – make it personal

Option of education and awareness campaigns: students and faculty



Faculty Professional Development

More information to come on more professional development including

- Course Design
 - Assessment
 - Coaching Students
 - and many other topics
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