

ADVICE AND OPTIONS

During the wrap-up of the SXSW Edu presentation, expert Tricia Bertram Gallant, Director of Academic Integrity Office, UC San Diego, said the majority of students who cheat make the choice as a "last minute decision".

Gallant added that the small percentage of the "ones who get away with it" have more money to spend and will likely never get caught. For the greater percentage, there is a chance of prevention and intervention. Gallant's advice on curtailing the cheating temptation is to "know your students, know their writing style ... their tone". A publication by Gallant, Binkin, and Donohue, in 2015 noted that males in high-risk majors were most at risk based on their findings and use of six cheating risk criteria - "maturity level, gender, grade point average, major, international student status, and fear of punishment". Lastly, Gallant suggests a strong and clearly understood academic integrity policy.

Gallant emphasized that the academic integrity code establishes "social expectations of behaviors as well as consequences".

The College of Nursing Instructional Design resources available to reduce the risk of cheating includes Turnitin, using a student presentation (voice over power points) instead of a quizzes or essays to gauge student learning outcomes, online proctoring of exams, and digital rubrics.

Because "essay mills" are better at producing papers for sale, creative assignments can help as alternatives, replacing essay assignments.

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