

Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

AN INSTRUCTOR'S GUIDE TO FILE SHARING SITES

OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

CONTRACT CHEATING SITES

There are many sites that provide answers for a fee. But unlike Chegg, they often market themselves as sites for cheaters. To our knowledge, only Chegg will tell us information about who posted and viewed the information. Here are a few other sites which allow students to share materials:

- [bartleby](#) – “Homework Done Right. Homework Done Fast”
- [EduBirdie](#) – “High Quality Custom Essay Writing Service”
- [HomeworkMarket](#) – “Your Homework Helper”
- [Socratic](#) – “Get unstuck. Learn better. Take a photo of your homework question and get answers . . .”
- [StudyPool](#) – “Home of Best Tutors. Get help with homework questions from verified tutors . . .”
- [OneClass](#) – “personalized courses, study materials and homework help”
- [StuDocu](#) – “free summaries, lecture notes & exam prep”

If you find any of your materials on these sites, please contact studentconduct@langara.ca and SCAI will work to have materials removed from those sites as copyright infringement.

Course Hero is a site widely used by students, but it was not a contract cheating site until recently. They now have a ‘tutoring’ service where students can get answers for a fee. It used to be that Course Hero was just a repository of student work. For this service, students can upload their own work (papers, labs, exams, etc.) and then freely access other students’ work. Students use it widely to study for exams or complete assignments. However, they also use it to plagiarize.

Course Hero will give instructors complimentary full access so you can search for your content that was uploaded without authorization. SCAI can also assist with having your materials removed from Course Hero, or to try to determine a student who posted materials to Course Hero or other sites. SCAI has a Course Hero account to investigate student accounts further; if you find content posted to Course Hero email studentconduct@langara.ca with the link information so that we may investigate further.

Because it is a violation to upload course materials without an instructor’s permission, we can require the student who posted it to remove it.

PREVENTATIVE ASSESSMENT DESIGN TO HELP DETECT STUDENTS

Some students have become aware of the tools our office has to detect their use of Chegg and have found ways to try to avoid detection. Students may share email accounts to post questions, ask friends or family members to post questions on their behalf, or create a disposable email account to post questions.

Some of the greatest successes in determining students who attempt to avoid detection, have been when instructors have instituted preventative assessment design tools. Some of the preventative assessment design tools that help to determine students who post to Chegg include (but are not limited to):

RANDOMIZED TEST QUESTIONS

- Students may post the question number if posting a question as an image – this has helped to determine which student had that question for that question number in order to find a student responsible

DEEP QUESTION POOLS

- If only a small amount of students have access to a specific question, it lowers the pool of possible students who posted the question to Chegg

DIFFERENT EXAM VERSIONS

- Again, this lowers the pool of possible students who had access to the question being posted

SET UP RANDOM ASSESSMENT VARIABLES

- If students are provided with unique assessment variables, it can help us quickly determine the student responsible for posting the question to Chegg