

The Challenge of Contract Cheating

Contract cheating, sometimes known as ghostwriting, is the practice of students engaging a third-party individual or service to complete their assessments.



32%

of instructors say they have had a student submit work that was **written by someone else**

86%

of instructors agree contract cheating is a **serious infraction**



What is driving this behavior?

Instructors believe the following reasons contribute to contract cheating:

20%

of students don't understand that it's wrong

60%

of students lack confidence to do the work well

50%

of students find that they run out of time

70%

of students feel entitled to good grades

~25%

say their institutions **don't have contract cheating policies** in place



Contract Cheating

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of university administrators believe that reducing contract cheating should be a **high or top priority** for their schools

67%

of instructors say they may not act on suspicions of contract cheating due to **insufficient evidence** to support their claims



Reliable data is key

to support institutions in handling suspected cases of contract cheating

