Cheating in Higher Ed

How to combat rascally students
"I was thrown out of college for cheating on the metaphysics exam; I looked into the soul of the boy next to me."

- Woody Allen
84%

Percent of students who believe students who cheat should be punished

2 out of 3

Number of students who admit to having cheated

Assignments
Options for Assignment Security

- Be very clear if the assignment is Individual or Group
- Use Turnitin
- When in doubt, Contact IT
  - It has access to all student logs
During a test;
people look up for inspiration
down in desperation,
and left and right for information.
Options for test security

There are several options for improved security in testing situations:

- Test settings
- Question groups
- Question types
- Quiz log
- Proctoring services
  - Respondus Lockdown Browser/Monitor
  - Examity
  - Proctor U
Test Settings

General suggestions:
● Do not allow students to see responses/correct answers right away
● Shuffle Answers option (Caution: Problems when using “all of the above”)
● One question at a time
● Lock Questions after answering
● Access Codes
● Availability windows
Question Groups

● Creating question groups will essentially create a unique test for each student
● You can create as many groups as you want
   ○ One for Multiple Choice
   ○ One for Essay
● Will require you to have more questions available than are chosen
   ○ For example, for a question group that chooses 10 questions, you will need a minimum of 10 questions.
   ○ The more available questions you have the more random the test will be.
Question Types

- Question construction can be your greatest ally to combat cheating
- More application and less multiple choice make students think and apply resulting in fewer opportunities to cheat
- If you must use multiple choice, stay away from question banks and use the Question Group feature
Quiz Log

1. Date of attempt
2. Attempt number
3. Timestamp of action
   a. Actions can be viewing a question or answering a question.
   b. From Canvas “If questions are shown being answered multiple times, the student either changed the question answer(s), or the answer was generated by the quiz autosave feature.”
4. If student stopped viewing the Canvas quiz page
   a. (Includes opening a new browser window or tab)
5. Refresh button
Proctoring Services

ProctorU

LockDown Browser™

Respondus MONITOR™

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Sylvan Learning™
if you like stats...

Cheating Infographic