

## Cheating and Plagiarism Prevention and Tips for Faculty

### **Prevention**

1. Make sure students understand that you will not tolerate cheating and/or plagiarism.
2. Tell students your definition of cheating and/or plagiarism. You may be surprised that many students have no idea what plagiarism is. Their concept of what constitutes cheating may vary greatly from yours.
3. Include in your syllabus the consequences for cheating and plagiarism. Students who know the consequences are less likely to attempt it (especially if the consequences are severe).
4. Let students know that you will require in-class writing.
5. Let students know that you will use turnitin.com and other resources to check their papers for plagiarism.
6. During tests, move around the room or sit in the back of the room. When students aren't sure where you are or at who you are looking, they are less likely to cheat.

### **Tips and Things for Faculty to Watch**

- Watch students who have electronic devices: cell phones, PDA's, programmable calculators, laptops, etc. Tell them to remove them from sight.
- Don't allow food or other items on the desk during tests. One cheating web site shows students how to write test notes on the outside Care Free gum wrapper. Another tells students to write their notes on the inside of a Wrigley's gum wrapper then during the test "...have a piece of gum."
- Students with hats - may use the brim of the hat to disguise their wandering eye. Some may write notes on the brim of their hat. You can require that they remove their hat during tests.
- Require some in-class writing. You will quickly learn whether a student's out-of-class writing was their own.
- When using scanning sheets, make sure each student returns theirs with the test. Students who do not turn in scanning sheets with the test may claim the instructor lost it so they can retake the exam after having a chance to view it.
- Friends sitting close to each other – feel free to separate students you think might have a greater tendency to collaborate on tests.
- Two YouTube videos showing students ways to cheat.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=911QK5SCzIQ&feature=bz301>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9uCFuC0gHo&NR=1>

I'm sure there are many other methods. If you know of some, please email them to me so I can include them in future versions of this document. My email address is [maclachs@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:maclachs@palmbeachstate.edu).