



Academic Integrity and the Online Learning Environment

There are a number of things students can do to achieve and maintain Academic Integrity while they're pursuing their studies online...

When it comes to written assignments, remember that your Course Instructors want to know how well you understand the course material, that you're developing important skills, and building on the knowledge that you'll need to continue on in a program and eventually excel in the workplace. Write your assignments in your own words and if you're incorporating text or content into your written assignments that come from other sources, remember to use in-text quotations and citations and include a list of references – both components are required in order to meet citation requirements. It's also important to know when it's permitted to collaborate with other students on assignments and when they're to be completed individually. Your Course Instructor is the best person to consult if you have questions about an assignment and its instructions.

When it comes to quizzes, tests, and exams, remember that these are to be completed individually and that collaboration and communication of any kind with other students while an evaluation is underway is not permitted. It's important that you understand whether materials, resources, and technology can be used during an evaluation and, if so, what kinds can be used. Sometimes the use of a textbook is permitted, sometimes you might be required to have a calculator at hand, but accessing websites by opening other tabs or using other devices is rarely permitted. Your Course Instructor is the best person to consult if you have questions about an evaluation and what is permitted and prohibited while an evaluation is underway.

The [Academic Integrity Office's webpage](#) includes information on Academic Integrity, Academic Offences and Penalties, and resources for APA and MLA Citation, TurnItIn, and for achieving and maintaining Academic Integrity.

The [Library's Outreach Staff](#) are available to assist with research and citing. You can contact them with questions or to book an online or over-the-phone appointment.

The [Learning Centre](#) is also operating online and can assist with writing and citing, math, science, and language needs.

I wish you all the best for the current term and those ahead,

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