**Contract Cheating**

By definition Contract Cheating applies to students who have actively engaged/hired or employed i.e. – *contracted* – someone else to do some part of their credit-bearing academic work for them, allowing the student to deliberately pass the work off as their own. The contract element usually involves some sort of financial exchange, but this is not a requirement to be considered as a form of contract cheating.

The University will not accept any form of Contract Cheating.

The fundamental distinguishing features of contract cheating being that the student has deliberately and in a premeditated manner employed someone else to prepare the assessed work they have submitted, which can be immediately recognised as of sufficient significance that it must be dealt with by applying the most severe penalty.

In the particular case of contract cheating, a student has consciously and deliberately commissioned someone to do their work for them.

When the University is able to identify that this has happened in respect of work submitted for credit, it is compelled to apply the most severe penalty available.

All students are forewarned that the University Discipline Committee (UDC) will seek to impose the severest of penalties where, based on the balance of probability, there is appropriate evidence presented of Contract Cheating, however undertaken.

That is, the outcome may lead to the expulsion of the student from the University.

**University Discipline Committee**  
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