



What is cheating?

Cheating is any attempt to gain an unfair advantage in an assessment. At UniSQ, this includes:

- Sharing or accessing past or current assessments without permission
- Communicating with others during quizzes or exams
- Using unauthorised materials, notes, or devices
- Getting help from third-party websites or live chats
- Copying or helping others during assessments
- Impersonating someone or having someone else complete your work

Even small actions like sending a message during a quiz or using hidden notes can be considered cheating.

Ask for ethical help

If you're unsure how to start or structure your assessment:

- Use [UniSQ's assignment guides](#)
- Attend [writing and referencing workshops](#)
- Ask for help from our [Learning Advisors](#)

Why it's serious

Cheating undermines the integrity of your education and can lead to serious consequences.

UniSQ treats academic misconduct seriously to protect the value of your degree.

Consequences may include

- A zero grade for the assessment or course
- A record of misconduct on your student file
- Loss of trust and academic reputation

How it's detected

UniSQ uses text-matching tools and expert reviews to compare submissions across study periods and years.

- Even subtle copying can be flagged
- UniSQ can detect use of third-party websites, live chats, or shared documents during assessments



Shortcuts don't lead to success - integrity does.