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Contract Cheating: Quick Facts

Contract Cheating is a serious breach of academic integrity.

Contract cheating is a broad term to describe a variety ways academic work is outsourced to a third party.

Synonyms include:

- Essay mills
- Academic outsourcing
- Ghostwriting
- Assignment completion services
- Thesis writing services

Using contract cheating services constitutes academic misconduct.

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- It has been estimated that over 71,000 post-secondary students in Canada engage in contract cheating every year (Eaton, 2018).
- If students engage in contract cheating once, repeat offences are probable.
- Contract cheating has been estimated to be a billion-dollar/year global industry.
- There have been documented cases of contract cheating companies blackmailing students for more money with threats to report them to their school if they do not pay more.
- Contract cheating companies do not care about students. Their sole purpose is to make money at students' expense.