Mitigating Academic Dishonesty

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Values Reinforcement

• Kent State Honor Pledge
• Reiterate the value of course skills/knowledge to their futures
• Reinforce intrinsic motivation
Exam Construction

• Varied question types (short-answer, essay, application)
• Multiple exam versions
  • details changed
  • wording changed
  • Random order of questions
  • Random answer order
  • Use question pools in Bb
• Creative questions (difficult to google, easy to detect similar answers)
Considerations for Quantitative Courses (e.g. STEM)

• Conceptual questions—what is the next step in solving this problem? Explain your answer.

• Identify an error in the solution to a problem. Why is it wrong?

• Change details in questions (randomize values, change the wording of questions)

• Avoid textbook question banks

• Avoid questions that are only simple computations—consider more application-based questions so that students must identify how to apply what they’ve learned.

  *Be sure to practice this skill in class!
Alternatives to Exams

• More frequent, low-stakes quizzes
• Student-authored quiz questions
• Fact sheets, memos, briefs
• Projects & presentations
• Assignments
Demonstration of knowledge

• Explain multiple choice answer (why right/wrong)
• Use key terms in a paragraph
• Concept maps
• Diagram
Assignments to assess analytical skills

• Analysis & response to case study, data, performance/art
• Debate
• Memo or executive summary
• Chart, diagram with explanation
• Literature review
Creative Assignments

• Advertisement
• Proposals
• Brochures
• Fact sheets
• Web page (Adobe Spark)
• Podcast
• Letter to the editor
• Art
Further resources

- [https://sasoue.rutgers.edu/teaching-learning/remote-exams-assessment#resources-for-writing-multiple-choice-exams](https://sasoue.rutgers.edu/teaching-learning/remote-exams-assessment#resources-for-writing-multiple-choice-exams)


- [https://teaching.berkeley.edu/resources/improve/alternatives-traditional-testing](https://teaching.berkeley.edu/resources/improve/alternatives-traditional-testing)