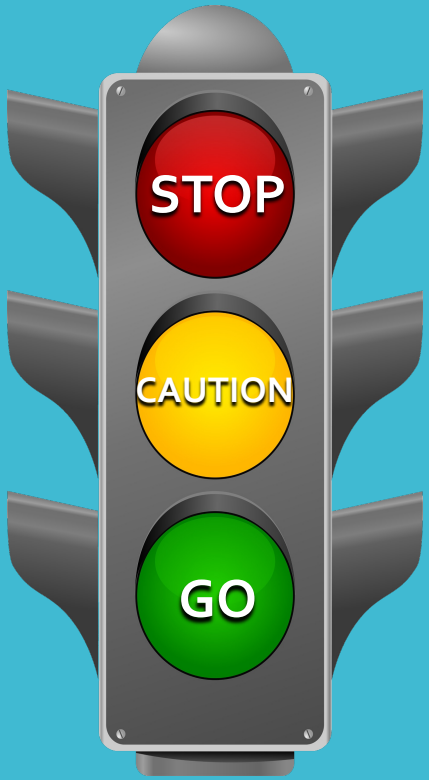


Academic Integrity with Online Learning Tools

Critically thinking about virtual education resources

*See also [Academic Integrity: Understanding How to Give and Receive Help](#)

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 - Ask the academic integrity liaison (honestyliaison@ur.rochester.edu)

Definition of Academic Honesty

“**Academic honesty** means acting with truthfulness and sincerity in carrying out all aspects of our individual and collaborative work, maintaining ownership over our work and acknowledging our debt to the work of others” ([University of Rochester, 2022](#)).

Academic honesty rules exist on three levels—all of AS&E, specific course(s) students take, and specific assignments/projects/exams they have in those courses.

While instructors across AS&E also bear responsibility for clarifying their expectations, students will be held responsible for knowing, following, and asking ahead of time about all three levels.

Definitions

Plagiarism:

“the representation of another person’s work as one’s own” includes

- “misrepresentation of sources used in a work for which the student claims authorship”
- “use of papers that are purchased and turned in as one’s own work”
- “submission of written work [. . .] which [has] been copied from the work of other students”

([University of Rochester, 2022](#)).

Other Honesty Violations:

When composing, other violations include “unauthorized materials/aid”, such as

- “Having another make direct changes to your work, whether by hand or through a medium such as track changes”
- “Having someone offer more than one or two sentence-level suggestions”
- “Having someone tell you what to compose”
- “Using a service that edits or revises your work”
- Generating citations using technology without understanding or validating accuracy of citations.

([Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program, 2013](#))

Additional Stipulations

“Intent—or lack thereof—should never be taken into account when deciding whether or not an action or set of actions violated the honesty policy. However, fairness dictates that intent may be considered when proposing penalties (for individual instructors) or when applying sanctions (for hearing Boards).

Similarly, neither degrees of (in)experience nor extenuating circumstances should be taken into account when determining whether or not a student or students’ behavior amounted to policy violation. Once the question of responsibility has been addressed, either or both may be considered when deliberating on what outcome(s) are in order. Ignorance of the policy does not excuse actions that violate its requirements” ([University of Rochester, 2022](#)).

For anything on the “caution” list of Slide 2, students are responsible for seeking out clarification from their course instructor prior to use and before turning in an assignment. Students who use such resources without clarifying may be suspected of violating the honesty policy. Please ask ahead of time!



Evaluating online services

#1

PURCHASING
PAPERS

An “academic help” website violates academic honesty if you **purchase a paper someone else writes for you.**

These websites may argue that because the paper is written for you, and therefore has not been copied from another student, it is not plagiarism. They often guarantee confidentiality and appeal to the stresses you face as a busy student.



We make your student life easier! Use code DOT20 and get 20% di

Benefits of Our Writing Service:

- Non-stop customer support
- Confidentiality guarantee
- Secure payment methods
- Top-notch quality at competitive rates
- Constant discount programs

You are the manager of your paper!

- You choose the writer to create your paper
- Stay up-to-date with your order status
- Direct communication with your writer via chat
- Go for special extras to get higher results

Buy a Research Paper – Can It Make You a Better Student?

Your professors often tell you this: when you buy a research papers it makes your life easier, but it doesn't make you a better student. Oh, yes it does! They are wrong!

BUY A RESEARCH PAPER

Look at it this way: when you buy research paper, you get plagiarism-free content that's brilliant. If you don't spill the information yourself, your teacher doesn't stand a chance of knowing that you bought content online. So you get a better grade. Better grades don't make you a better student, but they sure help you graduate with greater success.

It's not just about the grades, though. When buying research papers you work with a high-quality writing service, you also gain experience! Let's say you have no idea how to approach the process of writing. You might start, but you'll get stuck somewhere along the development. It might be because of a challenging topic, or it might be because the assignment is overwhelming.

The collaboration with a professional writer will help you gain experience. They will guide you through the methodology of planning, research, writing, and editing a research paper.

So yes; buying a research paper does make you a better student, eventually. Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program | Revised January, 2023 It's just that your professors don't want you to know that.

These services require payment.

They argue that their service is "plagiarism free" or that they run a "plagiarism report" (but the University lists the act of purchasing a paper as an example of plagiarism).

Sites frequently label their service as "collaboration."

Are you feeling?

- ▲ Overwhelmed with tons of routine tasks and academic assignments?
- ▲ Worried about making sure the work is 100% plagiarism-free?
- ▲ Stuck with a lot of studying and homework assignments to be completed this week?
- ▲ Afraid that your writing project will not be completed within a tight deadline?
- ▲ Stressed about searching for essay writing help with solid money-back and confidentiality guarantees?
- ▲ Depressed while trying to progress in school and you feel like you just can't get ahead?
- ▲ Unsure about where to find high-quality essay help services that meet your specific subject matter and requirements?
- ▲ Concerned about ordering relevant writing projects for reasonable prices that are free of grammatical mistakes?

Forget all these worries with professional essay writing help from EduBirdie

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These websites often appeal to the stress of student life. They persuade students that because they're on a tight deadline, overwhelmed, or struggling, it's okay to commit plagiarism.

Example from edubirdie.com



Dishonest
essay
purchasing
sites may
include but are
not limited to:

- A-Writer.com
- Academized.com
- BestDissertations.com
- BestEssay.com
- BestEssays.com
- BestEssayTips.com
- BoomEssays.com
- BuyEssayOnline.com
- ChiefPaper.com
- College-Paper.org
- CleverWritings.com
- CustomWritings.com
- EssayBox.com
- EssayHave.com
- EssayService.com
- Essay-On-Time.com
- ExpertWriting.org
- GetEssayDone.com
- GrabMyEssay.com
- GradeMiners.org
- GradeOnFire.com
- JustDoMyEssay.com
- MyPaperDone.com
- NinjaEssays.com
- PaperFellows.com
- PaperHelp.org
- PapersOwl.com
- Proessaywriting.com
- SameDayEssay.com
- SpeedyPaper.com
- Ultius.com
- WriteMyPaper4Me.org
- WriteMyEssayOnline.com
- WritersPerHour.com
- X-Essays.com

#2

HIRING A
WRITER
OR EDITOR

Hiring a writer or editor for your academic work may be considered a violation of the academic honesty policy. These editors do not teach you how to improve your writing skills, but instead **directly write or change your work** for you.

TO MAINTAIN HONESTY, THE WRITER NEEDS TO CONTROL WHAT THEY SAY AND HOW THEY SAY IT.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'EDIT'?

- ✓ spelling
- ✓ grammar
- ✓ **correct your English**
- ✓ word choice
- ✓ flow improvements
- ✓ consistency
- ✓ run-on sentences
- ✓ sentence fragments
- ✓ punctuation

Editors will find and **FIX** all of the types of issues listed above. Once we check your essay and you download your editor's copy, you'll see your edited paper along with comments on the side meant to guide you through additional improvements.

We also offer additional services: extra comments, critiques, formatting, and extra essay checking/ESL editing.

[Click here to see what your essay editor will do for you.](#)

These sites
may include
but are not
limited to:

- Chegg
- Eangel.me
- EditMyEssay.com
- EduBirdie.com
- Fiverr.com
- GradeMiners.com
- ProWritingAid.com
- SameDayEssay.com
- WriteSmartly.com
- WritersPerHour.com



#3

HIRING A
TRANSLATOR

Hiring a translator for your work is considered a **general honesty policy violation** (“receiving, using, or having access to unauthorized aid”). Additionally, it **may be considered plagiarism** (another person’s writing being represented as your own).



Essay Translation Online

Receiving essay translation from experts is a smart move! **Native translator team** will make your essay sound perfectly local in any language. Contact for a quote.

English



Spanish



General



Click to place your order! →

Using protranslate to translate an academic assignment submission is an honesty policy violation (“receiving, using, or having access to unauthorized aid”).

#4

TRANSLATION SOFTWARE

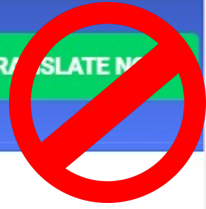
CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY

Using translation software **may be considered an honesty policy violation** (“receiving, using, or having access to unauthorized aid”).

ASK YOUR INSTRUCTORS IF

- **YOU MAY USE TRANSLATION SOFTWARE IN THE WAY YOU MIGHT USE A DICTIONARY OR THESAURUS (THAT IS, FOR AN OCCASIONAL WORD OR PHRASE)**
- **THERE ARE OTHER PERMITTED RESOURCES THAT MIGHT HELP YOU**

To use translations programs without risking an honesty violation, you need explicit approval from your instructor.



Free Translation Online

Our free online translator offers quick and accurate translations right at your fingertips. Simply type in the word or phrase that you want translated, and our Free Translation Tool will help you out. Do you have a bigger project? In that case, what you need is a human translation. Our team of professionals has the fastest turnaround time in the industry, and is 100% accurate.



Auto Detect Language ▾	↔	Choose a Language ▾	TRANSLATE	HUMAN TRANSLATION
Enter your text...		Translation		



Daytranslations.com is a software that makes direct changes to your work, which would be represented as your own.

#5

AI TEXT GENERATION SOFTWARE

CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY

Using AI text generators **may be considered an honesty policy violation** (“receiving, using, or having access to unauthorized aid”).

This includes, but is not limited to, programs such as GPT-3 and ChatGPT, and DALL-E.

To use AI text generators without risking an honesty violation, you need explicit approval from your instructor.

#6

ONLINE EDITING SOFTWARE

CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY

Students often utilize grammar-checking websites (e.g. Grammarly, Microsoft Word grammar checker, etc.). Under many circumstances, use of such sites can be effective and appropriate.

TO USE SITES EFFECTIVELY AND APPROPRIATELY, WRITERS MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND HAVE MADE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THE USE OF ANY RECOMMENDED CHANGES.

These websites are generally accepted as honest when used effectively and appropriately, but they remain unreliable. They may miss errors or make recommendations that misrepresent a writer's meaning. Under some circumstances, they can be considered unauthorized aid. *Asking instructors before using such sites is the most prudent course of action!*

These sites
may include
but are not
limited to:

- BibMe.org
- EasyBib.com
- GingerSoftware.com
- GradeMiners.com
- GradeProof.com
- Grammar.com
- Grammarix.com
- Grammarly.com
- GrammarCheck.net
- HemingwayApp.com
- LanguageTool.org
- OnlineCorrection.com
- PolishMyWriting.com
- Scribens.com
- SlickWrite.com
- Typely.com
- WhiteSmoke.com

CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY

#7

Citation Generating Software

CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY

Citation-Generating software (e.g., Zotero, RefWorks, EndNote, Mendeley and Zotero) is a tool that is often taught by both librarians and professors.

**THE WRITER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING THE CITATION AND
VALIDATING ITS ACCURACY.**

These websites are acceptable when used effectively, but they remain **unreliable**. The student is responsible for the accuracy of the references generated in accordance with the citation manual they are using, and they should understand each citation component (journal name, authors, DOI, etc.)

#7

TUTORING WEBSITES

CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY

Some online tutoring services are honest: they help you through the writing process, but you do the work.

HOWEVER, SOME SERVICES MAY CROSS THE LINE INTO DISHONESTY: THEY OFTEN DO THE WORK FOR YOU.

The tutors at the Writing and Speaking Center have been trained to maintain academic honesty, support the University of Rochester community specifically, *and* their services are free.

These sites
may include
but are not
limited to:

- [Babylon-Software.com](https://www.babylon-software.com)
- [Baidu.com](https://www.baidu.com)
- [DayTranslations.com](https://www.daytranslations.com)
- [Free-Website-Translation.com](https://www.free-website-translation.com)
- [GingerSoftware.com](https://www.gingersoftware.com)
- [Google Translate](https://www.google.com/translate)
- [Lexicool.com](https://www.lexicool.com)
- [Protranslate.net](https://www.protranslate.net)
- [Reverso.net](https://www.reverso.net)





Academically Honest Feedback

FEEDBACK FROM OTHERS

CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY

If you choose to receive feedback from others (e.g., a peer, friend, family member), refer to the Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program's [guidelines](#) for information on how to give and read feedback while maintaining academic integrity.

Go to the Writing and Speaking Center



The Writing Fellows and Writing Consultants are trained to be academically honest, which online services cannot guarantee.

You can schedule a one-on-one meeting with a fellow or consultant on an as-needed basis, or you can request a weekly meeting with a consultant (email wsap@ur.rochester.edu).

You can also upload a paper and receive detailed feedback about your specific questions and concerns with Write-On.

If you have any questions, you can talk to your professor or to the Academic Honesty Liaison (honestyliaison@ur.rochester.edu).



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