

Collaboration versus Collusion



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APPROPRIATE COLLABORATION	INAPPROPRIATE COLLUSION	WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?
Forming a study group with people in your course to understand concepts discussed in class.	Forming a group with people in your course to work together on and share answers for assessments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can discuss course content that has been previously learned. Diverse perspectives are valuable.
Discussing which topic you selected for an assignment with another student.	Selecting the same topic as another student and working together to write the assignment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics do not necessarily require the same information, strategies, and skills that are being assessed.
Completing practice tests as a group to prepare for exams.	Completing examinations as a group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can discuss course content that has been previously learned. There is no grade given for a practice test.
Dividing work evenly among group members to complete a group assessment (as stated by your Course Coordinator).	Allowing one group member to complete the entire group assessment on behalf of the group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students must demonstrate their learning from the course and be graded accordingly. Collaboration is an important skill to develop for the workplace.
Pointing a friend towards helpful resources you used for a past assignment.	Sending a friend a copy of your past assignment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate resource use is an important skill to minimise the risk of academic misconduct such as plagiarism, cheating, and falsification.
Proofreading an assignment for another student by highlighting areas which could be improved.	Proofreading an assignment for another student by changing their work yourself.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying possible areas for improvement provides constructive criticism. The other student still needs to decide to take on any feedback, as well as how they may improve their work.