

# Checklist: The Introduction to Business Battlefield--Winning Strategies for Defeating Cheating, Plagiarism, and Verbal Abuse

Introduction to Business instructors play a crucial role in preparing students for success in the professional world. However, they often face a range of challenges, including academic dishonesty and disruptive behavior. This checklist provides effective strategies for dealing with cheating, plagiarism, and verbal abuse in the Introduction to Business classroom.

## Preventing and Detecting Cheating and Plagiarism

- ☐ Clearly define cheating and plagiarism in the syllabus, including penalties and expectations.
- ☐ Use plagiarism detection software for written assignments.
- ☐ Design assessments that require original thought and personalized analysis.
- ☐ Rotate exam questions and create multiple versions of tests.
- ☐ Incorporate in-class writing, presentations, and projects to reduce opportunities for dishonesty.
- ☐ Regularly update assignments to prevent reuse from past semesters.
- ☐ Address incidents promptly, document thoroughly, and follow institutional policies.

## Handling Verbal Abuse and Disruptive Behavior

- ☐ Set and communicate clear expectations for respectful communication in the syllabus.
- ☐ Reinforce behavioral expectations consistently throughout the course.
- ☐ Remain calm and professional when addressing verbal abuse or disruptions.
- ☐ Remove disruptive students from the classroom if necessary.
- ☐ Involve campus security if the situation escalates beyond control.
- ☐ Document all incidents and share reports with department heads or administration.
- ☐ Establish boundaries for communication (e.g., office hours, email response times).

### **Promoting a Positive Learning Environment**

- ☐ Build rapport with students through regular engagement and accessibility.
- ☐ Incorporate collaborative activities and group projects to encourage teamwork.
- ☐ Model respectful communication and professional conduct at all times.
- ☐ Integrate lessons on ethical communication, research integrity, and workplace conduct.
- ☐ Emphasize the real-world importance of integrity and ethical decision-making.

### **How to Build a Culture of Respect and Integrity**

- ☐ Establish a classroom culture that values honesty, respect, and collaboration.
- ☐ Encourage students to reflect on the role of ethics in their careers.
- ☐ Provide examples of professional consequences for dishonesty or disrespectful behavior.
- ☐ Seek institutional and peer support when dealing with repeated challenges.