# **Contract cheating and ghost writing**

**Ghost writing** happens when you get someone else to write your assignment.

**Contract cheating** happens when you pay someone to do this.

Both are **academic misconduct**.

**Academic risks**

Students caught engaging in contract cheating or ghost writing could fail a paper or course, be suspended or even expelled.

**Financial risks**

Providers of contract cheating materials can blackmail students and threaten to expose them to their university or employer if they do not pay extra money.

**Career risks**

Being charged with academic misconduct can have a long term impact on your career, impacting your employability and career options.

There’s plenty of support available to help you develop your skills.

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