Collusion

When more than one student contributes to a piece of work for an individual assignment.

I received a zero because my friend and I submitted the same work for an individual assignment.

Past student experience

What is Collusion?

Collusion is when more than one person contributes to an individual assignment. While discussing ideas with your peers is a great way to learn, sharing details of your individual assignment can result in very similar or identical work.

At ECU, collusion is sometimes referred to as unauthorised collaboration. Some assignments, such as when group work is involved, count as "authorised" collaboration and as such does not constitute collusion.

Collusion does not align with ECU’s values of working with Integrity, Respect, Rational Inquiry and Personal Excellence.

Find out more

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Academic Skills Centre Online
https://ecu.edu.au/academicskills

The Academic Integrity Library Guide
https://ecu.au.libguides.com/academic-skills/academic-integrity

Collusion penalties may include:

- Losing marks for an assignment
- Receiving zero for an assignment
- Failing a unit

*Other penalties may apply.

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IS IT YOUR WORK?