



Document sharing sites

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

There's a growing industry of document sharing sites targeting university students. These sites facilitate the sharing of study materials including lecture notes, essays, assignment solutions, revision guides, and other learning materials.

Popular sites offering these services include StuDocu, CourseHero, and Chegg, but there are hundreds of others. Some of the material available on these sites is student-created content, but other documents are the intellectual property of universities.

You do not have the right to distribute any learning materials provided to you as a student at Macquarie. If you upload or access material from any of these sites, you are in danger of breaching the Academic Integrity and Intellectual Property policies of the university. Macquarie University monitors these sites and will take action against the inappropriate distribution of materials.

Using these sites compromises your and other students' education. Assessment tasks are designed to help you engage with the unit content in meaningful ways to meet the learning goals. We want you to think carefully about the ideas or theories examined in these assessments and for you to construct a response that communicates your own ideas and work. By accessing someone else's submission to a similar task, you are missing out on an important learning opportunity, and undermining our ability to assess everyone's work fairly.

By posting material to these sites, you are also compromising other students' opportunities to learn. You have no control over how material you post will be used by other students, and you may unwittingly be facilitating collusion, plagiarism and cheating.

If you are aware of any inappropriate material posted to these sites, or any inappropriate use of online resources, you are encouraged to make a report here:

https://mq-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report

Let's work together to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity and to create a positive culture of learning and citizenship.

For more about academic integrity, including how you can access support in your studies and for completing assignments, see
<https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/academic-integrity>