

Cheating in Two Mid-term Exams

I am a first-year Political Science student who made a huge mistake. I unfortunately drove myself into thinking that bringing a “cheat sheet” with me to an examination would give me a positive outcome. Instead, it did just the exact opposite. The aids were used in two of my mid-terms. I was caught using them by the examination supervisor the second time around. The first time they were found after I wrote the exam. Since then, **I have regretted ever thinking of such an action.** I was under the assumption that no matter how much studying I did, the information just wouldn't stick in my mind. **With all the pressure it just seemed like the best solution at the time.** This offence was wrong on both a personal and professional scale. The mental stress before and after getting caught was exceedingly irritating. By doing what I did I gave myself an advantage over other students, which was obviously unfair to them. The aftermath of this unfortunate event made me realize that **what I did was completely wrong and not worth it for a split second.** From this offence, I learned that taking an “easier” way out is the worst path to follow. For this situation especially, I learned that **goals are much more worthwhile if achieved ethically** and getting caught for my actions put all of that into perspective. The initial steps towards never making this mistake would include getting extra help from professors or fellow students, **giving myself more than enough time to study** rather than cramming, and staying after class to better understand the taught lessons. Many say that in order to learn one must make mistakes, but **when it comes to things like this, it's better to learn from the mistakes of others.** Learn to prioritize because university can be a hectic experience. I will never find myself in such a predicament again and hope others will avoid such paths because in the long run it's never worth it.

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