

Ethics Worksheet

It is probably most efficient to complete this worksheet by reviewing the questions and rereading the letter on the need for academic and professional integrity since you will find **some** of the answers there. A number of the questions, however, will require that you spend some time thinking through your answers.

1. What is integrity and why is it important to practice it?
2. List five reasons why it is critical that you have academic integrity as an accounting student and five reasons why it is critical to have professional integrity later:
3. What is the concept of slippery slope? Please try to give an example that you have seen that illustrates this idea. If you can't think of one, you can give the example I gave in the letter.
4. What two combined factors does research identify that may lead 7 out of 10 of us to be on the wrong side of the ethical fence?
5. List 10 reasons that a student might use as rationalizations for cheating:
6. Which of these rationalizations do you believe is valid?
7. List 10 reasons why it is wrong to cheat:
8. List seven potential consequences of cheating if you are caught. The possible penalty—such as receiving an F, being dropped from the class, having a permanent mark on your record, expulsion, etc.—only counts as one consequence. I want you to think through all the other potential ramifications:
9. List three reasons why Ceil believes that you have a responsibility to inform the instructor when other students are cheating:
10. List ten examples of ethical situations you may find yourself in when you leave school and join the accounting profession: