

# ACADEMIC WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

## OSA's Declassified: Midterms Survival Guide

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**Objective:** This event hopes to reach out to any and all UC Santa Barbara undergraduate students, but especially new freshmen, as they prepare to take their first midterms of the 2016-2017 academic school year. We want to educate students about on campus resources and educational tools that they can utilize to prepare for midterms and academic papers. Additionally, we want to spread awareness about the Office of the Student Advocate, and the role that we can play -- should the student choose -- if accused of academic dishonesty.

### Event Details:

**When:** Wednesday October 19, 2016 from 5 to 6 PM

**Where:** Student Resource Building, 1st Floor Conference Room

### Itinerary:

*Part 1: Why do people cheat? What can we do to preemptively combat these problems?*  
There are many issues that often prompt students to cheat and make decisions that they otherwise would not make. Identify all the campus resources available to students in different situations.

- Disabled Students Program (DSP)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Health and Wellness → Stress relieving activities like yoga

*Part 2: Other times, students don't intend on cheating, but do it without even knowing. What exactly is considered academic dishonesty?*

- There's the obvious responses...
  - Looking at another student's paper
  - Submitting an essay or assignment that you have not written yourself
- But then there's the not so obvious responses...
  - Giving somebody else **your** paper/answers
  - Conducting online research and presenting the information you learned in a way that appears to suggest that **you** came up with these thoughts
- Academic resources
  - There are websites that can teach you how to properly cite information (MLA, APA, and Chicago style)



- Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) → Will help with both homework and individual problems/questions as well as with editing papers and looking over grammar and general writing issues.
- Office Hours -- Professors and TAs literally sit in their office for 2-3 hours a week available to discuss any questions you may have! Utilize that time and answer any and all questions that you have!
- *Part 3: What if you're accused of academic dishonesty?*
  - Office of the Student Advocate -- We are on-campus resource that will help students facilitate the judicial process.
    - You will receive a formal letter indicating that you are being accused of doing something wrong.
    - Call/walk-in to the office and ask to speak to a caseworker
      - Roshni & Emily specialize in academic cases specifically, so you can definitely ask to speak with one of us. Alternatively, if we're not in the office you can ask that we be notified that you came in, and we will contact you ASAP.
      - All our members are definitely equipped to handle the cases, however, so you can and should feel comfortable speaking with anybody in the office.
    - You can decide if you are choosing to contest the charges or not. Accordingly, we will guide you through what meetings and/or hearings exactly you'll need to attend. If you should so choose, a caseworker can accompany and advise you through any of those meetings.
    - All information is kept strictly confidential within the office. If you choose, your caseworker doesn't even have to discuss the specifics of your case with other office members.
    - Provide our office and contact information.

**Additional Information:** As an incentive for students to come to this event, we are hoping to provide snacks and study materials (flashcards, Blue Books, Scantrons, Par Scores) for students. Additionally we are hoping to incorporate some more "fun" giveaways like stress balls, tea packets, and a couple of tumblers.

