

Ethics Integration Exercise Demonstration

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Answer the following questions for each scenario below:

1. Do you think this situation is a common/realistic occurrence?
Yes or **N**o **Y / N**
2. Do you think this situation or activity is ethical or unethical?
Ethical or **U**nethical **E / U**
3. Do you think other might disagree with your answer in question #2? **Y / N**

| Scenario: | Realistic? | Ethical Issue? | Agree? |
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| A. Dr. Javier Morales is an untenured faculty member in engineering at University X. He has been teaching for three years and is up for tenure review. A senior member of his department, Professor Raul Lugo, is on the department's Personnel Committee and has stated to several faculty members that he is "out to get" Dr. Morales and will use his position on the Personnel Committee to do so. | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |
| B. Marta Acevedo, an engineering student, has a laboratory exercise due tomorrow. She has been overwhelmed for the last few weeks with assignments from other classes and doesn't really have time to complete this exercise. She discovers that her roommate took this same class the previous semester and has the complete exercise on disk. She considers using her roommate's laboratory exercise. | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |
| C. Engineering students use the university's computers to download pornographic pictures. | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |
| D. Maria Sanchez finds her professor's grade book open and unattended. She considers changing her grade because she did poorly on the last test and her family is in dire financial straits. | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |
| E. You are a recent graduate from UPRM and are trying to start up your own business in the construction industry. Town Z opens the bidding on a lucrative construction project. When you mention to a friend that you are | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |

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| thinking of submitting a bid, he tells you that it will not be successful unless you make a hefty campaign contribution to the mayor's reelection bid. He suggests that you inflate your bid to include the campaign contribution and hide this by padding other expenses. | | | |
| F. A group of UPRM students blow off their classes because they feel these classes don't have anything to do with real engineering practice. This is something they will learn after they graduate when they go out into the real world. | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |
| G. A doctor falsifies results on tests of a new heart drug because he has close financial ties with the pharmaceutical company that is planning to market it. | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |
| H A software engineer illegally downloads a library to help redesign a software program by the deadline stipulated by his employer. Legally downloading the library would cost his employer \$10,000 which would not be refunded in the event that the program failed the testing procedures. | Y / N | E / U | Y / N |