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Undergraduates admit cheating

By **TONY HALPIN**

CHEATING and plagiarism by university students is widespread, according to a survey of undergraduates published today.

One in five men and one in seven women admitted copying work from other students during their courses. One in ten had attempted to find essays on the internet to complete assignments.

A third of students in the survey for *The Times Higher Education Supplement* said that they had copied ideas that they had read in books or online.

One expert on plagiarism, Professor Jean Underwood, from Nottingham Trent University, said: "Society has to see plagiarism as a real issue, rather like drink-driving. It is only when the majority see this as unacceptable that it will be brought under control."



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