

Collaboration Guidelines

DelftX TOPOCMx Topology in Condensed Matter: Tying Quantum Knots

Below are guidelines for acceptable collaboration in TOPOCMx. They will help you to work with your peers in order to truly learn the material, which is the real value of taking this course.

The course staff will be proactive in removing posts and responses in the discussion forum that have stepped over the line. (Remember that the edX Honor Code applies even outside of www.edx.org.) Repeated violations of these guidelines may result in your progress being erased and/or your account being deactivated.

1. It is **OK** to discuss the general approach to solving a problem.
2. It is **OK** to work with others to come up with the general steps for a solution.
3. It is **OK** to give or receive hints if you get stuck while attempting a problem.
4. You should work out the details of the solution yourself.
5. It is **not OK** to simply copy someone else's solution or answer.
6. It is **not OK** to simply plug in your own numbers into someone else's formula in order to get a final answer.
7. It is **not OK** to look at a step-by-step solution to a problem before its deadline has passed.
8. It is **not OK** to share or receive answers to an assignment before its deadline has passed.
9. It is **OK** to let someone show you a few steps of a solution, provided you have already given a wholehearted attempted to solve it by yourself and have been stuck for some time.
10. After you have collaborated with others in generating a correct solution, you should be able to do a very similar problem on your own.

Good luck in collaborating in the course!

The TOPOCMx Team