Indicative Rules

- Discussing the questions and solutions with friends, searching for material on the internet, and searching the solutions in the library are all allowed for such assignments.
- However, when you actually start coding, it is expected that you do not have any help available in the form of friends sitting with you, open web pages, open books, etc. In any case you cannot "copy" anything from any source and "paste" it into the editor/portal. It is expected that every character is typed by you without looking at any source at the time of writing.
- If you are stuck, it is acceptable to discuss the problem with friends. However during discussion none of you should have the code visible as raw files. Similarly, you can ask for debugging help, but again your friend must tell you strategies to spot the error, rather than sitting on your system and actually debugging the code.
- Morphing of code, inserting dummy code that does nothing, inserting fake code, inserting things in code that have nothing to do with the question, over-complicating the code structure that is otherwise not prevalent in the coding signature of the student, a sudden change in the coding style of the student as compared to previous submissions, and any similar patterns will be taken as UFM even if the source from where copy happened cannot be traced by the committee.
- You will normally be allowed to reuse your own code submitted in the same course in the same semester, but not any code written by you in any other course or any other semester. If you need to reuse your own code, please consult the instructor.
- Security of your code is your own responsibility. Your system must always be password protected. You must lock the system even if you are going out of room for a very brief period. You must not share your system password with anyone. If using online platforms, you must ensure that the code is not publically viewable and is password protected. If using your lab system on a shared mode, you must always take away the files on a storage device and remove the originals from the shared system. If giving the laptop to anyone, please make sure to create a new user account that cannot access your code folder. In numerous cases someone steals the code and fails to take responsibility on being caught. Not taking measures to protect your work can also be charged for unfair means.

Examples
- "My friend asked me for help. I was too busy. I only gave him/her the code to look at. He/she promised he/she will only glance through it" – Both charged with UFM
- "I spent 10 days but could not debug my code. I panicked and accidently copied a few lines of code" – Charged with UFM
- "Out of 1000 lines of code, only 5 lines of code were copied. I spent so much time on it" – Charged with UFM
- "I was not well, so I had no option" – Charged with UFM
- "My friend's laptop broke. I gave him/her laptop, but not the code. My friend stole away the code without my knowledge" – Both charged with UFM
- "My friends, whose name I cannot disclose, also copied but were not caught, why should I be caught? First catch everybody and then me." – Charged with UFM
- "It was a mere coincident" – While the UFM charge will depend upon the findings of the committee, a UFM can be charged if the committee is clear that the similarity is beyond coincidence.
- "I did not know that the rules. I did not know the penalty will be so high. It was my first time" – Charged with UFM