Honor Code

The purpose of this document is to clearly outline our expectations concerning adherence to the Honor Code. Our guiding principle is that each student must submit original work. Specifically, submitting another person's work as your own constitutes plagiarism, which seriously violates fundamental academic integrity standards.

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Most assignments in this course are to be completed individually, although some may permit collaboration in pairs. Throughout this document, references to "you" or "your work" pertain to your individual efforts if working alone, or to the joint efforts of you and your partner if working as a pair. When paired, discussions and shared contributions between partners are fully permitted for that specific assignment.

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Plagiarism occurs when you submit work copied or derived from another person's effort as if it were your own. Examples include using solutions obtained from the Internet, solutions from other students (current or previous), previously released answer keys, or any other source that is not your original work, whether partially or entirely. A common source of Honor Code violations involves referencing past solution sets. The best approach to avoid this is simply not to seek solutions elsewhere. Additionally, viewing another individual's solution to guide your own problem-solving constitutes an Honor Code infraction. In short, you must not consult others' answers when completing assignments, as this is neither an appropriate way to verify your solutions, obtain hints, nor explore alternative methods.

Furthermore, requesting solutions from others is also prohibited. Specifically, asking classmates, tutors, or online forums for solution codes violates the Honor Code.

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The use of generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Grok, and etc., is considered equivalent to seeking human assistance. Consequently, employing ChatGPT or similar generative AI tools on graded assignments constitutes a breach of the Honor Code, even if such use is openly disclosed.

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Specifically, you must not request copies of solutions from others, nor provide your answers to students who ask for them, unless you are explicitly working together as permitted by assignment rules. Additionally, avoid discussing your solution methods in such detail that it leads to nearly identical submissions with other students, except in cases of approved collaboration. You are also responsible for protecting the confidentiality of your work. Do not leave your solutions accessible on public computers or post them publicly online.

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Later in the semester, certain programming assignments may permit collaboration with a partner, requiring a single joint submission. By including your name on this submission, you affirm that only you and your

partner have authored the work. If plagiarism is detected in your joint submission—even if the plagiarized content was contributed solely by your partner—you may still be held accountable.

When collaborating, you must take active steps to ensure your submission does not contain plagiarized content. Avoid dividing the assignment tasks and working separately from your partner, and do not add your name to work predominantly or entirely completed by your partner. To minimize the risk of plagiarism, it is strongly recommended that you and your partner complete the assignments together, ideally sharing a single computer to ensure all submitted code is directly authored by both partners.

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Advanced automated plagiarism detection systems are used to assess submitted assignments by comparing student work with current and previous term submissions, as well as various online sources. These tools effectively identify substantial similarities between programs and documents. When potential instances of plagiarism are flagged, the course staff carefully investigates each case. If the staff determines that a possible Honor Code violation has occurred, the issue will be referred to the university for additional investigation.

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People sometimes make decisions they later regret, especially under pressure. Based on our experience talking with students over the years, we've found this to be particularly true when it comes to Honor Code violations—most students who violate the Honor Code in our courses are good people who simply made a poor decision and quickly came to regret it. To address this, we offer a "Regret Clause": if you violate the Honor Code on an assignment in this course, you can significantly limit the consequences by notifying us within 72 hours after the assignment's late submission deadline. If you choose to invoke this clause, the only penalty you'll receive is a zero on that assignment—we will not impose additional grade penalties, nor will we report the incident to the Office of Community Standards.

Keep in mind that requests submitted beyond the 72-hour window for each assignment won't be accepted, and we won't provide a final opportunity for retractions at the end of the semester.

The Regret Clause applies exclusively to assignments and quizzes, not exams or projects.