



## CSCI 250 INTRODUCTION TO ALGORITHMS

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### 1. PREAMBLE

- : The task descriptions are at times sparsely or elaborately specified, I expect you to analyze carefully and define your work/research scope within the task outlines.
- : This assessment task spans 6 days is likely to require upwards of 5 hours in research and half as long for authorship.
- : Neither Novacula Occami (Occam's Razor) nor Argumentum ad Absurdum apply here, this task requires careful reading and analysis of the description below.
- : I encourage all students to write to me with questions related to tasks, repeatedly if needs be.
- : I will not respond to task-related emails during the final 48 hours of the task period, so start/ask questions early.
- : All submissions are checked for similarity, I ignore similarity score below 10%, I decline to grade submissions with  $> 10\%$  similarity score, these will lead to 20 points course total score deduction and automatic academic misconduct hearing that may result in further sanctions as described your course syllabus.

### 2. BACKGROUND

At CMU we are committed to academic excellence. The institutional mission and work we do at CMU is founded on our values that support our vision to be a place where students grow, work, learn, and succeed. These include scholarship, achievement, collaborative learning, and integrity. Please take time to carefully peruse your Maverick guide.

### 3. TASK DESCRIPTION

Explore the Tomlinson library collection for information to address all of the following questions in an essay paper no less than 2000 words in length. Make sure you clearly justify each response.

- (1) If you were in charge of CMU, what four initiatives would you start to promote and ensure academic integrity on campus?
- (2) Who is your role model? Discuss, citing specific instances, how that role model lived an ethical life and what traits he or she possessed which you admire most.
- (3) Expand on the following statement and apply it to yourself: "A student's adherence to academic integrity is a reflection on their personal values." and enumerate academic integrity violation sanctions (all) as outlined in your course syllabus.

- (4) Consider the “Learning Outcomes” as cited in the Colorado Mesa University Strategic Plan. What does the University hope to accomplish by promoting these outcomes?
- (5) Why is citing sources an important part of academic work? Discuss some real-world implications of not properly citing sources.
- (6) How does not reporting an academic integrity rules violation reflect on one’s academic integrity? Provide some scenarios when it is tempting to not report a violation and why it is better in the long run to use integrity and responsibility in such situations.
- (7) Homework is a necessary and critical component for learning and understanding the material in a difficult class. Discuss some ideas as to why a professor would not want collaboration on homework.
- (8) Explore the favorable and adverse effects of having someone help you on an assignment or test. How does it advantage each of you, and how does it disadvantage each of you? Develop a final statement and plan of what you will do in the future if you are not properly prepared for a task or if someone asks you for aid.

#### 4. PROCESS

Prepare your essay submission manuscript using a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  editor and submit “.tex” and “.pdf” product by 11:00 PM Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Manuscripts prepared with editors other than  $\text{\LaTeX}$  will not be awarded a point grade.