Academic Honesty Policy[1]

You are responsible for understanding every word in this document.

Summary: While we want you to learn from your fellow students and discuss the course material, the work you complete must be your own. If you are ever unclear about how to represent what work you have done, (a) ask and (b) describe clearly what you have done. If you do, the worst that will happen is you will lose some credit on an assignment. This is much better than the alternative.

Collaboration Policies: You are encouraged to discuss the material in this course, including homework assignments. However, you must produce your own homework solutions and you must not look at other students' solutions or other information that takes away the intellectual challenge of the homework. Unless specifically told otherwise, you are to complete assignments individually. You may discuss assignments in general terms with other students including a discussion of how to approach a problem, but the code you write must be your own. In any case, you must follow the following rules:

> **Rule 1**: You must indicate on your submission any assistance you received.
> If you make use of such assistance without giving proper credit, you may be guilty of plagiarism.
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> **Rule 2:** You must not share actual program code with other students.
> In particular, you should not ask anyone to give you a copy of their code or, conversely, give your code to another student who asks you for it. Similarly, you should not discuss your algorithmic strategies to such an extent that you and your collaborators end up turning in exactly the same code. Discuss ideas together, but do the coding on your own.
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> **Rule 3**: You must not look at solution sets or program code from other years or online. Beyond being a clear violation of academic integrity, making use of old solution sets is a dangerous practice. Submitting a program that solves last year's assignment perfectly while failing to solve the current one is particularly damaging evidence of academic honesty violation.

Cheating: If you are caught cheating, you will have F grade and initiation of a cheating case in the University system. To avoid creating situations where copying can arise, never e-mail or post your solution files. When using the class discussion board, do not post code that is an attempt to solve a homework problem. If in doubt about what might constitute cheating, send the instructor email describing the situation

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[1] This document is based on the academic honesty policy written by Eric Roberts at Stanford and Dan Grossman at UW