

Academic Integrity:

Students are expected to understand and follow Academic Honesty policies in place by the university. The following is excerpted from the AU Faculty Handbook:

Auburn University expects students to pursue their academic work with honesty and integrity. Violations of this principle are enumerated in the Tiger Cub. Briefly, violations include:

- 1. The possession, receipt, or use of any material or assistance not authorized in the preparation of an assignment or during tests.*
- 2. Giving assistance to another in such practices.*
- 3. Furnishing in any way material containing future examination questions or answers.*
- 4. Plagiarism (submission of work that is not one's own without proper acknowledgment).*
- 5. Attempting to alter an assigned grade.*
- 6. Other actions delineated by the instructor.*

The "University Academic Honesty Code" may be found in the SGA Code of Laws cited in the *Tiger Cub*.

See <http://www.auburn.edu/tigercub/>

If you need help to complete your assignment, you are free to ask the instructor, a TA, a tutor, or other students in the class to help you. **However, you MUST document any assistance received, clearly.** If you discuss a project with the instructor, a TA, a tutor, or other students, you must indicate what you discussed and who you discussed it with clearly as a comment (or comments) in the header of your assignment documentation and/or code.

For example:

"Ms. Hundley or TA's name helped me debug a syntax error in my 'for loop'."

"I used Wikipedia.org in order to learn how a 'while loop' works."

"I spoke with Bob Smith in the class about opening text files."

"My tutor, Alice Jones, helped me with the 'switch' in this assignment."

If you did not received assistance outside of the course material, you must indicate this via a comment in the header of your assignment documentation and/or code.

For example:

"I worked on my assignment alone using course material only."

Failing to document sources is plagiarism and will be penalized. If you are unsure whether or not to document a source, it is better to document. Receiving assistance with an assignment and not documenting it is Academic Dishonesty and will result in, at best, a grade of 0 for all participants. Failure to comply with these specifications will result in significant grade penalties and/or referral to Academic Dishonesty. **If you are ever unclear about whether or not a course of action is unacceptable, you are always free to consult the instructor.**