

# Academic Integrity for CSE30<sup>1</sup>

At UCSD, academic integrity means that you have the courage, even when it is difficult, to only submit academic work that is honest, responsible, respectful, fair, and trustworthy. When you excel with integrity in computer science, it means that you:

Honest	submit work that is a truthful demonstration of your knowledge and abilities (rather than the knowledge and abilities of another)
Responsible	manage your time so that you are not pressured to complete an assignment at the last minute
Respectful	acknowledge the contributions of others to your work by citing them when you've used their words or ideas (e.g., after you've spoken to classmates or after you've used portions of a code written by another if permitted)
Fair	complete your academic work according to stated standards and expectations even when it takes longer or you're struggling
Trustworthy	can be trusted to be honest, responsible, respectful, and fair even when no one is watching you.

When you act contrary to these values, you are cheating. Cheating undermines trust between students and professors, the value of the UCSD degree, and the learning/development of skills.

While we can't list every behavior that would be cheating, we can give you some illustrative examples like the following:

- Submitting any source code written by another person or copied from another person (except for group assignments where the other person is a member of your group).
- Discussing an individual assignment with another student (non-staff member), unless allowed by the instructor.
- Submitting code/homework from publicly available code/homework solutions that you haven't written.
- Submitting any portion(s) of an assignment you have previously submitted for credit in another course.
- Copying from someone else during an exam or using an unauthorized aid to help you on your exam.
- Altering a graded exam, quiz or assignment and resubmitting it for regrade
- Allowing someone else to help you complete an assignment or exam/quiz for you or allowing them to pretend to be you in class (e.g., by signing an attendance form or clicking for you).
- Making available to others source code, documentation, or notes useful for completing an assignment (unless it is a group assignment and the other person is a member of your group) to anyone else other than course staff. You should neither produce, procure, nor accept such material. This includes students in current and future offerings of the course, and applies to electronic transmissions including email, web pages, ftp, and so on, as well as hard copy such as source code listings.
- publishing your code or homework on the internet such that it is accessible to others with the notable exception of course staff.
- CREATING PUBLIC GITHUB REPOSITORIES that include graded material from this class.

If the behavior you are considering isn't listed here, don't assume that it is allowed. Rather, you should always assume "independent work unless told otherwise". And before completing your academic work in a certain way, you should ask yourself "is it honest, respectful, responsible, fair and trustworthy?" You can also ask yourself "would I be okay if my methods were exposed to the TA or the Professor?" and if the answer is no, you shouldn't do it.

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<sup>1</sup> This document was written in part by Rick Ord, CSE Lecturer and Dr. Bertram Gallant, Director of the UCSD Academic Integrity Office.

Keeping accurate records of your assignment development, such as frequent GitHub check-ins to a **private** repository is a good practice to help promote academic integrity.

The following are some examples that are *not* considered cheating:

- Working on programming assignments or homework alone
- Talking over an assignment with one of our course staff (Instructor, TA, Tutor).
- Using internet resources of a generic nature (e.g. googling “hash tables”)
- Having a git repository record of incremental work.

**If you have any questions about what is and isn’t cheating, be sure to discuss them with the instructor. Also refer to the course syllabus for information on academic integrity.**

Any student who cheats, thereby undermining integrity, will be reported to the Academic Integrity Office. Students who cheat face various disciplinary sanctions as well as academic penalties imposed by the instructor in the course. **Academic integrity penalties include, but are not limited to:**

- 1. Receiving a grade of 0 for the assignment or test in question**
- 2. Receiving an 'F' for the course**

To detect instances of academic integrity violations in programming assignments we will use 3rd party software. We recommend you only include your class lab account ID (not your name or PID) in your submissions. Including your name and/or PID may disclose that information to the 3rd party.

For more information visit the Academic Integrity Office website at: <http://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu>

## **Confirmation of Agreement to the Academic Policy described above**

**Please affirm your adherence to this agreement by writing below the following statement:**

**"I Excel with Integrity."**

By signing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_, a student enrolled in CSE 30  
(print last name, first name)

affirm the principle of academic integrity and commit to excel with integrity by completing all academic assignments in the manner expected as described above, informing the instructor of suspected instances of academic misconduct by my peers, and fully engaging in the class and its related assignments for the purpose of learning. You must sign and date the form below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date