CS130/1300 Collaboration Policy (Fall 2018)

CS130(0) has a collaboration policy based on Brown University's Academic Code.

If there is any confusion about the policy for this course, feel free to talk to Jeff or the HTAs. Not understanding this policy is not an excuse for violating it.

Discussion & Collaboration

In this course, we believe that discussion with fellow students will benefit you in understanding the material.

Students are encouraged to discuss homework assignments with other students. Students may work together to find solutions, *but must document this in their handin by including the name and CS logins of the students they worked with and to what extent.* (Example: "Conducted user tests with Jane Doe, jdoe10, on the interface I designed and made corrections on the placement of buttons and text based on her input"). However, students are not allowed to take away any notes, diagrams, or code from joint work sessions. Emails, messages, photos, and the like all constitute as notes.

Students may use a whiteboard during their discussions with other students, but must be sure to erase all their work before vacating the space. We expect students to fully comprehend every assignment that is turned in. To that end, *students must write up their assignments entirely on their own*, and may not receive help from anyone but the TA Staff.

Citing Sources

We require students to acknowledge any sources that they use, *including discussion with other students.* For writing and text samples, students must quote and cite any text they lift verbatim *OR* paraphrased from other sources, *even from readings assigned in class.*

For code, students must cite the original source of anything they copy and paste – even if the code is adapted, and even if the code is short snippet (e.g. from StackOverflow). *Please note that all code submitted to the course will be run through MOSS, an automatic system for determining the similarity of programs and detecting plagiarism.*

Generally, students should err on the side of copying and pasting as little as possible. Failure to identify writing or code that is not one's own is plagiarism, and in violation of the collaboration policy.

Self-Plagiarism

Self-plagiarism is considered to be plagiarism under this policy. If a student includes text or graphics copied from other assignments they have turned in previously in the course, or projects or work they have posted elsewhere, they are required to quote and cite it as a resource as if the author were someone else. *This includes turning in examples from a pre-existing portfolio students may have completed, or work students have done for personal projects that are not class assignments.*

"Double-dipping," or handing in the same project for multiple classes, *is in strict violation of not only our collaboration policy, but possibly other classes' policies as well.*

Software & Licenses

Sharing software licenses that are exclusive to students in CS130(0) with anyone outside of this course is strictly prohibited, and is a violation of the collaboration policy.

In-class Activities

Please note that writing someone's name on an in-class activity who is not present in class in an attempt to secure credit for the person in question is a violation of the collaboration policy.