

ME 465 Agreement

ME 465: Optimal Design involves both analytical and computational assignments in the form of homework, labs and projects. These assignments are carefully crafted and ordered so as to lead you toward a greater understanding of design optimization methods and strategies. By the end of the semester, you should be able to define and solve challenging optimization problems in various fields of engineering. You should also have a solid understanding of the most common techniques used to search different types of design spaces.

To achieve these shared goals, it is imperative that you spend time thinking critically and independently about each question and each process within every assignment.

Looking at or copying answers or ideas from an external source will defeat the learning goals of this course, and is therefore expressly *forbidden*. External sources include but are not limited to: people other than the instructor, a solution manual, a solution or discussion found online, work from a student who took the course in a previous term, or any other source not approved by the instructor.

To be more explicit, *allowable* types of assistance are summarized here:

On analytical homework assignments, having group discussions about concepts and/or providing small “hints” to one another are allowable, but all work and critical thought must be independent.

On computational lab assignments and associated worksheets, students may answer each other’s questions regarding how to use a software package. Final data must be obtained independently, and answers to lab questions must be developed independently.

On quizzes, exams and projects, all work must be 100% independent.

In all cases, interaction with the instructor is acceptable and encouraged.

Pledge: Every assignment must contain the following *signed* statement near the top of the front page:

I have neither given nor received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment.

Signature

Assignments submitted without a signed pledge will not be graded. For future assignments that are submitted online (e.g., to a D2L drop box), it is permissible to type your name on the signature line above. This agreement must be printed, signed in ink, scanned and submitted to the drop box.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the above description of learning goals and the importance of independent work in attaining these goals. You further acknowledge that you understand what forms of external assistance are and are not permitted on assignments, and you pledge to abide by these guidelines on all assignments for this course.

Signature

Date