

I was a student of CSC-505 (Design and Analysis of Algorithms) class. Dr. Steffen Heber teaches the course. He has given us four assignments. In the last assignment, there was a question related to coding or programming. There were four other written questions too. I did all the written questions on my own. But in the programming question, even after trying hard I could not solve it alone. In those days, I was extremely busy with internship interviews and preparation. I have taken two courses in this semester, both were extremely heavy. Besides, being a PhD student, I had some research tasks also. I was extremely occupied then and I did not have much time for this assignment. Though the timeline for the assignment was two weeks. I started late. I started when there were only five days left to complete the assignment.

I was trying to do it in JAVA language. After trying for hours, I understood that I might not be able to finish it alone. There were fifteen test cases related to that question. We had to pass all the test cases to obtain perfect score for that question. As I was having trouble, I decided to ask my one friend who was also taking the same course. She is good in Python and she was trying to solve it using Python language. I had a little idea about Python so I was helping her with concepts and she was writing the code.

We were coding it together. After continuous trying, we were succeeded to solve the problem and pass all the test cases related. We did not have much time left from the deadline when we finished. So, we uploaded almost same version of the code.

When the results of the assignments came out, I saw that I was asked to contact the instructor and I was given 0 marks for the assignment. I then mailed Dr. Heber and he asked me to meet him. I went to him and he told my code has been found out almost similar with code of another student. I immediately apologized for the mistake I have made and vividly described him what happened. He was humble, and he patiently listened. He gave me a RAIV(Report of Academic Integrity Violation) form to sign. He has given me two days to decide. I signed and submitted the form acknowledging my mistake. I have also waived my rights to challenge anything in future. After three days I got a mail from Office of Student Conduct that as a punishment I would get 0 marks on the assignment four and I have been put into academic probation period.

Same thing happened with her also. She also talked with Dr. Heber and she acknowledged that she did not solve the problem alone. She obliged that we did it together which we should not have done. She also signed the RAIV form accepting the fact and got 0 marks for assignment four.

Being a student of prestigious North Carolina State University, I am extremely ashamed of the mistake I did. I have got my punishment. In future, I will never repeat the same mistake. I will refrain from any event that might be related to academic misconduct. I am ashamed in front of Dr. Heber also. He is a great teacher and I really enjoyed his class. Being his student, in the end I let him down. I begged apology for what I have done. Hopefully, he has forgiven me. Finally, I got a B grade in the subject. I know I would have got much better grade if I did not do this terrible mistake.