

Academic Honesty Policy and Honor Code

At Springboard, we believe in preparing you for the real world through robust project-based learning experiences. Take-home assignments, exercises, mini-projects, labs, and Capstone projects lay a strong foundation to set you on the right path to success.

We also firmly hold the belief in creating an online community where you can learn with fellow students in your cohort. We encourage you to support one another and gain valuable feedback on your coursework.

While we promote open communication among students, we also want you to be mindful of the fine line between collaboration and cheating. We foster an environment where the principles of academic integrity—honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage—can thrive in all of our students.

When submitting coursework for review, you are agreeing to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct and academic honesty. Before starting your course, please review the following:

Honor Code

- All projects and assignments submitted for assessment are your own original work, unless instructions specifically allow for collaboration.
- You must register for a course through one account; do not give anyone your password or email.
- You will not allow others to complete any assignments, papers, or projects for you.
- You will not copy any parts of a student's work or share any parts of your work with another student.
- You will not engage in any forms of plagiarism, defined below in more detail.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism, whether intentional or not, is presenting another person's original ideas as your own. This is one of the most severe forms of academic dishonesty. If using external sources in your work, you must use proper citation to give full acknowledgment to the author. Some examples that require attribution include:

- Outside code taken from common sites like Stack Overflow or Github, or a link someone sent you
- Code taken from an approved open-source project (follow all licenses and terms of use)
- Datasets you came across in your research
- Written text, as well as audio samples
- Graphics and illustrations you found when conducting a Google Image search

Any student found to violate this code may face disciplinary action at the discretion of Springboard, including but not limited to not being able to graduate. For help and guidance on avoiding plagiarism, please reach out to your student mentor and view the resources for proper citation in the first unit of your course.