COMPSCI 121 Academic Honesty Policy

We want our learning environment to be honest and fair. UMass Amherst has an Academic Honesty Policy that includes cheating and plagiarism as forms of dishonesty.

The professors reserve the right to determine plagiarism as they see fit. Ask a TA or professor, or consult the syllabus, if you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes plagiarism in COMPSCI 121.

1. **zyBooks Homework Policy:**
You are allowed to work with whomever you want on weekly zyBooks homework assignments. Although you ought to be able to do these on your own, you shouldn't hesitate to get help from anyone if you're confused by particular problems. Note that you cannot do the programming assignments or pass the exams if you do not understand the homework assignments.

2. Programming Project Policy:

The following actions are **permitted/expected**:
   1. You may work with peers, or tutors to find a solution; however, you must submit your own code.
   2. You must provide an attribution if you work with other students or individuals on your programming project submission.
   3. Cite anything you copy and paste or look at while you write code, even if you modify it. This citation must include a URL or other reference to the source.

The following actions are **prohibited** and will result in a complete loss of credit for the assignment or formal charges (see http://www.umass.edu/honesty/):
   1. Wholesale copying a solution from an outside source, such as a website.
   2. Collaborating with a peer who has plagiarized; you will also be considered a plagiarist.
   3. Allowing submission of plagiarized work in your name.
   4. Use code from projects from previous years.

3. Example attribution/citation (in comments, at the top of your java project submission):
/* [*your name*] I worked with the following people on this project: [*list of up to three names*]. */
/* I referenced this material in my solution: http://JavaArrays.com */

NOTE:
   1. You *will not pass the exams* if you do not understand the programming projects.
   2. Copying code from a web source is plagiarism. Our staff check the web for solutions and other postings for solutions to the projects. We also check for similarity in the project submissions and compare student submissions to detect plagiarism.
   3. If you have used another student's code or copied code from an outside source without attribution, action will be taken.

4. The vast majority of your program code should be your own; projects that overuse external code will be penalized accordingly.
5. Duplicate submissions are plagiarism and will result in no credit, course failure, or worse.

4. Exam Policy:

The following are prohibited when taking exams:
1. Cheating in exams.
2. Talking on cell phones during exams.
3. Talking with anyone during an exam.
4. Have someone claiming to be you show up and take an exam for you. Student ID is checked during the exam.