

Honor Code - Integrity in this course

Before you start to work on the first optional quiz and assignment in this course we would like to address the honor code and how you should interpret and apply this code in this course.

Below are three of the four entries from the honor code that every student has to agree to, in order to enroll in courses.

- My answers to homework, quizzes and exams will be my own work (except for assignments that explicitly permit collaboration).
- I will not make solutions to homework, quizzes or exams available to anyone else. This includes both solutions written by me, as well as any official solutions provided by the course staff.
- I will not engage in any other activities that will dishonestly improve my results or dishonestly improve/hurt the results of others.

Two important issues here are plagiarism and facilitating fraud by providing answers to assignments in the forums.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism means copying content from somewhere (for example from Wikipedia, forum posts or research articles) *without citing the source*. In academia, plagiarism is considered a serious offense. Please note that you can use sentences or quotes from other sources, as long as you provide information on the source, so that other can find it and verify the citation.

Using other sources with citation is perfectly allowed, but of course your contribution (forum post, writing assignment) should be more than a series of citations, the majority of the work should be your own!

Facilitating fraud

Providing the right answers, for example to a quiz, is considered a violation of the honor code. This does *not* mean that you're not allowed to discuss the assignments, including the quizzes in the forums! On the contrary, we encourage you to discuss this material, because otherwise, we couldn't improve the material very effectively.

As long as you use relevant arguments to discuss quiz questions or assignments you will be fine. Here are some examples:

Suppose that in the forums there is a discussion about the following question:

Which philosopher believed reality consists of ideal forms that exist separately from the external world we experience?

1. *Plato*
2. *Aristotle*
3. *Ibn Sina*

It would be in violation of the honor code to post something like: "answer 1", "Plato, because this is the right answer" or "option 1, just watch the video".

It's ok to post something like: "it could be Ibn Sina, but the videos never really addressed his ontological views, did they?" "I believe Aristotle felt the physical world we experience is the only reality out there" or "Plato likened our experience of the physical world to shadows perceived by people in a cave who could not see the figures who cast these shadows, this is in line with accepting a reality separate from the one we experience".

You can find more information about the honor code on the Coursera Honor Code help page

(https://eventing.coursera.org/api/redirectStrict/tve4tj1bqwqiM7JR0mc0TlnKAiqLcS6u_OYLLSi7Fo2fl1g2uADSScPmMiGuCXMmMjD8p0dnBGy3_8BBScj1Lg.6oTlJzapnKmMNLpOzZy4dQ.9FHkWv9tgX67YoMYNpFj1bgRFIQaVJDZWHiDFQHGIXXQ6nlgP-IZs-rEGi9jovcd13DcGMS-OFWWIAQsi5UNGq6BXF96qPW8tCSkrnJXq_SP6QH_WrYYfqXRSUEfnNcljBAOzvDyVuprRatN6WZtjHyE1iL-x0ldEMtpuQrv7KCvHnejRJa6tr9pmYliieFaoPBD_nfreaGFGXY85wZpce6d7oAcGAtlkCRjohF6LX_70kcN57Afl5DdioLQrmdVk1eU02nEUHc1QeECqw-g9UrN0SdlnKgxll6fHl4ytFgK0HmKHkLVmtKC8VgYBpNnG0VhxJaQ9EfVH1khDIMjS4vbg8KmxapDjx4ELq11_9cjPvrtPKS2V_9JkKh31K-PBurw1c4cLDJfpRO_CXcaHUBleEOf_rW_1ZPmeTkWM). Here you can also find more information about reporting fraud and plagiarism.

