ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY
CS 007 / 401 / 445

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The University defines cheating (academic dishonesty) as taking credit for someone else's work, or handing in someone else's work as your own. In some cases even collaborating on ideas can be considered cheating.

In 007 / 401 / 445 we allow and even encourage collaboration as far the exchange of ideas, strategies and explanation of concepts between students working on an assignment. Where we draw the line is the writing of code. Each student must write his/her own code for programming assignments. It is specifically forbidden for one student to give another student access to his/her programming source code or to copy another student's code. It is also forbidden to copy another student's code and then change the variable names or loop structure so as to obfuscate the duplication. It is forbidden to download code from the internet or other sources. **If you did not write the code, you may not hand it in.**

We know that students will read code from the internet. Searching the web is a form of research and there are vast sources of instruction and examples to be found. In this case we require that you do not copy and paste code. Instead you should read, understand, and then write it yourself in your own coding style.

Should the occasion arise for an exception to this rule of internet use, your instructor will give clear instruction on what constitutes fair use of internet code for a particular assignment.

Penalties

The penalty for the first infraction will be to receive a -100 on the assignment. Understand that this is not the same as getting a 0 on the assignment. You will get a zero on the assignment – and then be deducted an additional 100%. If for instance the assignment is worth 5% of your course grade, a cheating offense would cost you 10% off your course grade (a letter grade drop). Furthermore, a letter will be sent to the department chair outlining the offense. This letter will be part of your academic record.

Always ask if you are unsure before doing something in the grey area.