

Collaboration Rules

Warning:

If it's in your public space any student can copy it and YOU could be brought up on academic misconduct charges. Go to your public space and remove anything which even remotely resembles work. Better safe than sorry. If you need to share assignments for group work, there is a feature which allows you to share documents with a specific list of people.

Types of Collaboration

Writeups include problem solutions, code, exams, and papers.

Open Study Sheet Exams

This situation could occur in an in-class exam. You are allowed to bring a single page study sheet (8x11 two-sided). You are the only person on the planet. Do not talk to any other humans besides the professor about the exam from the time it begins until after it is over. Do not bring electronic devices to the exam. If your notes or study sheet contain information from the Internet or other outside references, you may only use them if specifically allowed by the exam AND you can cite your source.

For example: During the term, you surfed the web and found this cool thing and copied it or paraphrased it onto your study sheet. Unless the exam explicitly says web material is allowed, do not use this info. If you are uncertain, ask me and I may allow you to use it. IF you cannot cite it, you cannot use it regardless.

Individual Work

You are the only person on the planet. Do not talk to any other humans besides the professor about the assignment. Do not email anyone the assignment. Do not post it on public space. Do not email, talk, aim, etc about the assignment with anyone. Do not share references such as textbook chapters that were useful to you during the assignment. Do not surf the Internet except as specifically stated in the assignment. If the assignment does not mention the Internet or other references then the answer is no.

For example: You are thinking about the assignment and Fred mentions he either knows the answer or needs help with it. Say "I'm sorry, we can't collaborate" and let that be it.

Collaborative Discussion, Individual Writeup

The point of these assignments is to figure out how to apply some technique to a real situation. Therefore, you may collaboratively discuss the assignment with others so that you understand it. You may talk/aim/email with others about this assignment. Do all of the writeup yourself. Do not email or give your writeup to anyone. Do not post it on public space even for 5 minutes. You, your writeup, and collaborators **may** interact at the same time.

If the assignment specifically allows outside resources, you may use other books or the web. On your assignment, make a list of the people, books and websites you found useful. You, your writeup, and references **may** interact at the same time. Cite uses of the references and people in your work where appropriate.

For example: You are thinking about the assignment and you talk to Fred. Fred says "oh I used a for loop to solve that" and explains how. Fred **may** show you his writeup if it helps. Then **stop** looking at Fred's solution. Take notes while **not** looking at Fred's solution. Use your notes in your writeup. Cite that Fred helped you (and that you helped him). If he didn't help with the whole thing, make it clear which parts he did collaborate on.