Collaboration and Honesty Policy*

We understand that, once the rules are clear to you, most of you would never consider cheating in any form. This document specifies the rules of collaboration in the course and penalties for cheating. We require that each student read, sign and return this document.

No collaboration is permitted on exams, quizzes, and optional problems.

You *may* verbally collaborate on required homework problems and programming assignments, however, you must write your solutions independently. If you choose to collaborate on a problem/programming assignment, you are allowed to discuss it with at most 2 other students currently enrolled in the class. Before working with others on a problem, you should think about it yourself for at least 45 minutes. On each problem and program you submit, you must include the names of the students with whom you have had discussions concerning your solution. Indicate whether you gave help, received help, or worked together. If you worked alone, write "Collaborators: none".

- You *may* get help from anyone on latex and programming issues which are clearly more general than the specific assignment (e.g., what does a particular error message mean?)

You may use references such as books and online resources for well known facts, however, you must **always** cite the source.

- You *may not* look up answers to a homework assignment in the published literature or on the web.
- You *may not* share written work with anyone else.
- You *may not* receive help from students who have taken the course in previous years.
- You *may not* review any course materials from previous years.

Thus, clear examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:

- Google-ing for specific keywords that happen to appear in the current homework assignment.
- Showing a draft of a written solution to another student.
- Copying down a solution that another student has written on a whiteboard. (Sharing written work.)
- Emailing (or texting, or IM'ing) fragments of your written solution to other students.
- Getting help from someone whom you do not acknowledge on your solution.
- Leaving your solution unattended or with another student in circumstances that allow copying.
- Copying from another student during an exam.
- Receiving exam-related information from a student who has already taken the exam.
- Looking at someone else's work on PSU computer systems, *even if the file permissions allow it.*
- Submitting a problem solution that you cannot orally explain to the course staff.
- Lying to the course staff.

All cheating issues are handled in accordance with the University Guidelines for Academic Integrity Violations: `http://handbook.psu.edu/content/academic-integrity`. The University's academic integrity policy describes two types of sanctions—academic and disciplinary. Academic sanctions are assigned by the instructor while disciplinary sanctions—by the Office of Judicial Affairs. Our reaction to your cheating will vary according to the situation.

- Confession: If you cheat and you freely admit it, we will take that into consideration. We will either give you zeroes on the relevant assignments, or fail you in the course.
- Denial: If you do not admit that you have cheated, we will provide our evidence that you have done so. Then you will face a disciplinary sanctions which range from warning or probation to expulsion.

Once a student is caught cheating, the university requires us to fill the Academic Integrity Form: `http://www.engr.psu.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity-form.pdf`.

I, _____, have read and understood the above CSE 565 policy on collaboration and cheating. I agree to honor the rules which the policy describes.

Sign your name: **Date:**

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*Based on `http://server251.theory.cs.cmu.edu/twiki/pub/Main/CourseSyllabus/cheating-policy.pdf`