

CSCI 1810 Collaboration Policy

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Collaboration on Assignments

There are three different policies regarding collaboration on written homework assignments, programming assignments, and exams. Please read and carefully note the differences in these policies.

1. Problems on written homework assignments may be discussed with other students in the class. However, you must write your solution to each problem independently. This written solution should reflect your own understanding of the problem. You are required to list any collaborators on each problem.
2. Programming projects are semi-collaborative. You may discuss the assignments with other students in the class and compare output on test cases. However, you must write your own code and cannot not examine code from other students.
3. The midterm and final are strictly non-collaborative. This means that you must not discuss the problems with anyone besides the course staff. All solutions must be your own.

Permitted Tools

Any use of online tools, including but not limited to AI tools such as ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini, is prohibited on all assignments unless they are explicitly authorized. Using them is considered an academic code violation that may be prosecuted. The use of compilers, such as gcc, is explicitly authorized. The use of AI-based tools that create code, such as Github Copilot, is not permitted. If you have any questions about the tools you may use, please contact the HTAs or the instructor. In particular, the use of Chat GPT is not allowed for coding projects nor conceptual assignments. We have anti-cheating measures in place to ensure that students who use Chat GPT will not receive credit for their work. Any students who violate this policy will not be given any credit for their work. Students who violate this policy repeatedly will be reported to an academic dean for an academic violation at the professor's discretion.

Storing Code on Department Machines

If you store code on a department machine, you must ensure that your course documents have permissions that do not permit other students to view them. Ask a consultant or a TA for help with permissions if necessary, or use `man chmod`. Also, you must ensure that the repositories containing your assignment files remain private and are not viewable by other students. GitHub classroom should by default create only private repositories, but it is your responsibility to ensure that the visibility of your repositories remains private. Do not post your code on other publicly viewable platforms, such as your own GitHub repositories. Doing so is a violation of Brown's academic code that could result in your getting an NC in the course, even if the violation occurs after you've completed the course.