

# Collaboration Policy

Fall 2016

**Please read this policy carefully.**

We strongly encourage teaching and learning with your peers. We also strongly encourage taking advantage of Wikipedia and other online sources during your education. At the same time, your work must, in the end, represent your own understanding of the material. There are two different standards:

**Ideas:** You can discuss ideas with your peers, and learn from online resources. We want every sufficiently motivated student in the course to be able to understand and complete all the homeworks. Collaboration and learning how to find algorithmic information online are very useful skills. However, keep in mind that neither of these will help you on the exams, so get in the habit of seriously thinking about each problem alone before looking for peer and online help.

**Words:** The actual words/phrasing/notation/code in what you hand in *must* be your own or your designated partner's. When you collaborate to solve a problem with anyone other than your own designated partner, you *cannot* take away written notes—this will lead to suspiciously similar write-ups which may appear to be plagiarism to the course staff. You *can* quote online sources, with proper citations, though in many cases you would be better served to close the webpage and rewrite the *ideas* in your own words. Further, *do not* post solutions to CS157 problems online as this just makes it harder for us to run a good course.

This document must be signed and turned in by Monday, September 12 by 4:00 PM along with “Homework 0.” We will not grade any of your handins unless you return a signed collaboration policy form.

Please write legibly.

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Year (circle one)* Freshman · Sophomore · Junior · Senior · MS · PhD

*Concentration* \_\_\_\_\_

*CS Login (if you have one)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_