

Collaboration Policy

Course Policy

In order to help the course staff evaluate each student in CS22 as fairly and individually as possible, we have written a collaboration policy by which we require all students to abide. We will not grade any student work until you receive an electronic signature verifying that you agree to the collaboration policy. The Google form requesting this signature will be distributed within the first week of class.

We encourage you to discuss material with your fellow students, and you may discuss homework problems with other students. However, you must write up your final solution *INDEPENDENTLY*. Once you start writing up your solutions, you may not discuss the problem set with anyone except for the TAs and the professor. Do not share your write-up with anyone. **Your ability to reconstruct what you have developed with your classmates is evidence that you understand it.**

You may not copy solutions from any source, including (but not limited to) your classmates or fellow students, textbooks, or any online resource. To be clear, you should not seek the answers to homework problems from the web. If you inadvertently find the answer to a homework problem in an outside source, you should state in your write-up where you found the answer, providing proper attribution. You must still write up the solution independently in your own words. Copying solutions from any source is a violation of the academic code.

CS22 uses Piazza, an online academic forum where students can convene to explore the course materials and ask questions to the course staff and other students. This forum is meant to provide an additional avenue for discussion. You may ask or answer clarification questions about course materials, including assignments, so long as they are not revealing of the solution to an assignment. TAs will help facilitate discussion and answer unresolved questions.

Clinic is not exempt from the policies in this document. You may not write anything while collaborating with other students: whiteboards are provided to allow for a temporary work space. You may not take pictures of whiteboards at clinic, nor walk away with any materials from collaboration sessions. Your time at clinic is meant to provide you with an understanding of the problem: you should then show us that understanding by doing your write-up individually.

Brown Academic Code

The following is an excerpt from “The Academic Code at Brown University.”

Academic achievement is ordinarily evaluated on the basis of work that a student produces independently. Infringement of the Academic Code entails penalties ranging from reprimand to suspension, dismissal or expulsion from the University.

A student's name on any exercise is regarded as assurance that that exercise is the result of the student's own thoughts and study. Where collaboration is authorized, students should be very clear as to which parts of any assignment must be performed independently.

In writing examinations and quizzes, the student is required to respond entirely on the basis of his or her own memory and capacity, without any assistance whatsoever except such as is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Cheating on examinations and quizzes can take at least the following forms: using another individual to take an examination in one's place; bringing into the exam room unauthorized materials from which one gains unfair assistance; improper collaboration or unauthorized assistance on take-home examinations.