

Collaboration Policy

Fall 2021

Please read this document, then fill out our [collaboration policy acknowledgement](#) form by Friday, September 20. **You will not receive credit for assignments until you return this document.**

This policy covers all course material and assignments unless otherwise stated. As a reminder, Brown University has an [Academic Code](#) that includes a section on Respect for the Integrity of the Academic Process, which requires that all written work must be your own. This is especially important in this class, since grades are determined solely by performance on written projects.

- Course material information and documentation may be discussed with anyone.
- Assignments may be discussed with the other CSCI 1950n students.
 - Discussions may make use of a whiteboard or paper.
 - You **MAY NOT** take notes away from these discussions.
 - Discussions **MAY NOT** include writing specific code.
 - Discussions **MAY** include debugging of specific problems.
- Who can see your work?
 - You may share your code with the course staff.
 - You may share your implementation code in person or over screen share for the purpose of debugging, but the student helping you debug may not have their implementation code open at the same time.
 - Final project group members, once final project groups are confirmed, may freely share all the code they have written throughout the semester with each other.
 - These restrictions remain in effect even after assignments are due.
- What can you send in Slack
 - You may ask conceptual/logistical questions.
 - You may only send code in Slack to TAs and in the form of code snippets. If you find that you need to send entire files, we can help you in TA hours!
 - You may not share project-specific code in Slack with other students.
 - Discussing general pseudocode provided in lectures is fine.
 - Feel free to send generic Java code for help (or swap out the project-specific parts), as long as other students can't adapt it for their own projects

- For some assignments, the CSCI 1950n TAs may provide graphical and/or textual assets.
 - You may choose to use your own assets.
 - You may share assets you have created and you may collaborate with other CSCI 1950n students in creating assets.
 - You may use assets from external sources, but you should cite where you got them from in your README.
- When in doubt, ask a member of the course staff whether a type of communication is allowed or disallowed.