

CSCI 2840 Collaboration Policy

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Collaboration on Assignments

There are two different policies regarding collaboration on written homework questions and programming homework questions. Please read and carefully note the differences in these policies.

1. Problems on written homework questions 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 questions 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.

Permitted Tools

Any use of tools that create computer code relevant to the assignment is prohibited, 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 ChatGPT is not allowed for coding projects nor conceptual assignments. We have anti-cheating measures in place to ensure that students who use ChatGPT will not receive credit for their work.

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 any GitHub (or otherwise viewable) repositories containing your assignment files remain private and are not viewable by other students. 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.