CS 161: A Discussion of Academic Honesty[1]

Academic Honesty Policy

For all assignments, any code submitted must represent the work of you and your partner only. Accordingly, you should never copy another student's code, exchange computer files, share your code or solutions, use code from the internet or past students or, in general, hand in work done by someone else under your own name(s). Most instances of academic dishonesty are clear cut and students know when they have violated the rules.

One confusing situation for students is knowing if it's okay to ask another student for help. Yes, you may give or receive help for specific software or computer problems. When someone asks you for help, you become a *student mentor* and as such should follow these rules:

- Never show another student your code. Instead, **you should look at their code and only with the intention of helping**. In general, no student should look at another student's code for their own benefit.

- Do not just give the student you are helping the answer. Instead, ask helpful questions, e.g. "Why are you doing this?" or "What does this section of code do?" or "Have you thought about doing this?"

To summarize: **when helping someone, look at their code. Don't show your own.**

Any help given must be limited to the immediate problem. Two students sitting side-by-side and working through a program step-by-step together will certainly produce work that will be considered illegal collaboration.

Failure to abide by these rules is considered plagiarism. The first offense typically results in failure in the course. Please read the University of Puget Sound's Academic Integrity policy (`http://www.pugetsound.edu/student-life/personal-safety/student-handbook/academic-handbook/academic-integrity/`) for further information.

Please do not put us, yourself, or anyone else in this unpleasant situation!

Time Management

Academic dishonesty is often the result of practicing poor time management skills – often, for years. Below are tips to help you stay on top of your course work so that you never find yourself in a situation where you're tempted to make poor decisions.

- Get organized
  - Get a planner and write down the things you need to do along with their due dates.
  - Make a (realistic) hourly schedule for your week.
  - Go to sleep at a reasonable time and get a full night's rest.

- In-Class
  - Always try to solve the in-class exercises.
  - If your group is not helpful, find another group.

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[1]This policy is an adaptation of the academic honesty policy used in the CS department at Pomona College

- – Take complete and organized notes that will be helpful for studying later.

- Homework

  - – Homework always takes longer than expected. Start the homework as soon as it's posted and allot more time than you think you need.

  - – Break large assignments into smaller easily-achievable steps.

- Studying

  - – Find a place free from distraction where you can focus.

  - – *Put away your phone while studying (and turn off all notifications)*

  - – Keep up with the assigned reading.

- Tutoring

  - – There are evening tutoring hours Sunday through Thursday from 4-6pm at the tables in the hallway outside.

  - – The CWLT also has a Computer Science subject tutor. Call or drop-in to make an appointment with the tutor.