CSE 303: Concepts and Tools for Software Development
Academic Integrity and Collaboration Policy
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You are responsible for understanding every word in this document.

- **Motivation:** A course in which students do not accurately present what they know and what work they have done is worse than having no course at all. Your instructor and your fellow students expect and deserve a basic respect for the integrity of this course and an environment where we can all focus on learning. Therefore, this document establishes a clear understanding of what we all will do with the expectation that it will never be an issue.

- **Bottom Line:** If you are ever unclear about how to represent what work you have done, (a) ask and (b) describe clearly what you have done. If you do, the worst that will happen is you will lose some credit on an assignment. This is much better than the alternative.

  If you are at all in doubt about whether your collaboration was appropriate, include a description of your collaboration with your homework submission.

  If the course staff receives homework submissions that are too similar to have been created independently, we will pursue the maximum penalty allowed by the University.

- **Collaboration:** You are encouraged to discuss the material in this course, including homework problems. But you must produce your own homework solutions and you must not look at other students' solutions or other information that takes away the intellectual challenge of the homework.

  Unless specifically told otherwise, you are to complete assignments *individually*. You may discuss assignments in general terms with other students including a discussion of how to approach a problem, but the code you write must be your own. The intent is to allow you to get some help when you are stuck, but this help should be limited and should never involve details of how to code a solution. You may not have another person (current student, former student, tutor, friend, anyone) "walk you through" how to solve an assignment.

- **Writing:** This course requires a short paper. It is a violation of the course policy to do any of the following:

  - Not cite sources used in the paper
  - Use text you did not write
  - Use text you did write but for which you received or will receive credit in another class