

# Academic Misconduct

## What You Have Been Told So Far

- Basics from assignment descriptions:

**Collaboration:**

Assignments must reflect individual work; group work is not allowed in this class nor can you copy the work of others. Some "do not's" for your solution: don't publically post it, don't email it out, don't show it to other students. For more detailed information as to what constitutes academic misconduct (i.e., cheating) for this course please read the following [\[link\]](#).

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- Information from the detail link

- <https://pages.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~tamj/2023/217P/assignments/misconduct.html>
- Q: What constitutes cheating in this course?
- Q: What happens if you include someone else's code and *you do* credit the other person properly (this doesn't apply to your classmates, recall that you are not to see the assignment code of other students)
- Q: The code that you gave us in lecture or tutorial would be really handy for our assignments, are we allowed to use it and get credit for the work?
- Q: I have hired a tutor for this class can I get help on an assignment from this person?

## How To Properly Cite External Code

- Format is not as important as is the case with other classes.
- Clarity is crucial
  - You need to clearly distinguish between code that someone else wrote vs. your own work.
  - Default: no citation means you work all the code yourself.
  - If external code was included in your assignment submission but this was not clearly cited then this could be regarded as misconduct.

# The “Sandwich” Approach For Citations

- Specify the beginning and end of the external code (external code is sandwiched in between).
- Provide specific details about where you got the external code:
  - Author, program name, if it came from lecture or tutorial, name of the book or web address)
  - Everything in between is code you did not write.
- General format:

Student's code

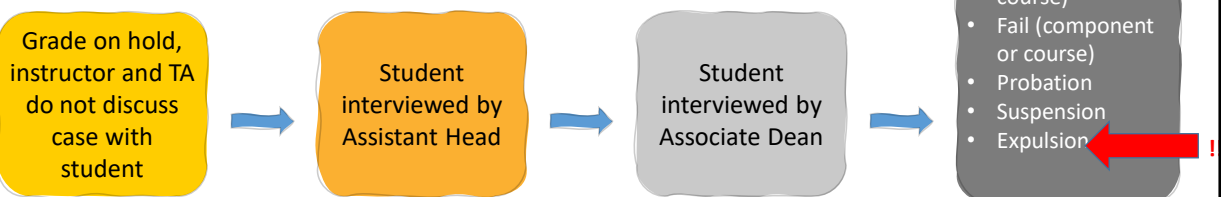
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>>> The following instructions come from James Tam's lecture example
>>> 'loop1' week of July 1 - 7
Some else's code
Some else's code
>>> End of external code
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Student's code

## Academic Misconduct in CPSC (Exert from a department presentation by Dr. Pavol Federal)

Typical offences:

- Collaboration
- Copying friend's work
- Sharing solutions with friends
- Copying from online sources  
e.g. GitHub
- Posting solutions publicly  
e.g. GitHub
- Paying for solutions



## Rules And Guidelines For This Course

- Students **should not** see each other's programs for graded work.
- It's probably a good idea to avoid even discussing how you solved an assignment problem.
  - There's a danger of going too far.
  - If someone needs help then there are resources you can refer them to:
    1. Instructor office hours
    2. Help tutorials (CT)
    3. (Mostly near the end of the term): Open tutorials (teaching tutorials converted into help tutorial time).

## Caution: Don't Try To "Run The Gauntlet"

- Considering the possibility of expulsion from the university (the most severe penalty) it just isn't worth it.
- Beyond that automated checking of assignment submissions will occur.
  - This program was written by a Prof. who has expertise in program code analysis.
  - You won't be able to 'fool' or disguise the fact that you have copied someone else's work so don't do it.