

14.310x: Honor Code and Collaboration Guidelines

Honor Code

We want to encourage a collaborative and constructive learning environment. In the spirit of the honor code, **please do not post answers to questions directly to the forum.** You may mean to help, but this actually prevents your fellow students from learning. We will remove any posts that give away the answers as soon as we see them. This is not to discourage you from using the forum to discuss ideas, provide insights, and provide help! Please feel free to do all of these to help your fellow students arrive at the correct answer.

Collaboration Guidelines

Below are guidelines for acceptable collaboration in 14.310x. The staff will be proactive in removing posts and replies in the discussion forum that have stepped over the line. Repeated violations of these guidelines may result in your account being deactivated.

- It is okay to discuss the general approach to solving a problem.
- You can work jointly to come up with the general steps for the solution.
- It is okay to get a hint, or several hints for that matter, if you get stuck while solving a problem.
- You should work out the details of the solution yourself.
- It is not okay to take someone else's solution and simply copy the answers from their solution into your checkboxes.
- It is not okay to take someone else's formula and plug in your own numbers to get the final answer.
- It is not okay to post answers to homework before the submission deadline.
- It is not okay to look at a full step-by-step solution to a problem before the submission deadline.
- It is okay to have someone show you a few steps of a solution where you have been stuck for a while, provided you have attempted to solve it yourself without success.
- After you have collaborated with others in generating a correct solution, a good test to see if you were engaged in acceptable collaboration is to make sure that you are able to do the problem on your own.