

**Week 8**

# Upcoming events

- Campus Mental Health Fair, Monday October 16th, 12-2, Illini Union I-Rooms
- [Flu Shot Clinics](#) Grainger Library next Mon-Thurs, 1-5pm
- [Japan House Open House](#) Saturday Oct 14, 11-4-ish
  - Tickets required
- [CU Folks & Roots Festival](#)
  - Fri Oct 13 evening, Sat Oct 14 all day, downtown Urbana

# More events

- [Homecoming](#) Oct 15-21
- [LabEscape](#)
  - 1262 Digital Computing Lab (across the street from the Siebel Center)
- CS Faculty and Student Social
  - 3pm today! Lawn north of Siebel Center
  - Brought to you by the CS instructional area
  - Lawn games: bag toss, giant Jenga, etc
  - Well, if the weather cooperates ... If not, we'll reschedule in a future week.

Today is drop date

# Student code

<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/>

Example items buried in there somewhere

- Student conduct violations (e.g. alcohol policy)
- Rules for bicycles on campus
- Absences
- Exam conflicts
- Academic integrity

Worth browsing for your own protection

# Academic integrity

<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1/part4/1-401/>

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## ARTICLE 1, PART 4 – ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**Part 4 – Academic Integrity and Procedure** § 1-401 POLICY STATEMENT; APPLICATION; DEFINITIONS

1-401 Policy Statement

# Academic Integrity Infractions

- Main ones that happen in CS
  - Cheating (e.g. during exams)
  - Plagiarism (copying someone else's work)
  - Facilitation (letting someone copy your work)
- Things you aren't likely to do
  - Dry labbing (fabrication)
  - Bribing someone
  - Vandalizing library reserve books
  - Hacking into the electronic gradebook
  - Etc



# Be clear on course policies

Look in the syllabus

Ask questions

# Exams and quizzes

- Doing the exam
  - Can you bring a sheet of notes?
    - Just one page?
    - Must be handwritten?
  - Can you use a calculator?
  - Do you need to bring your icard? What if you forgot it?
- The exam room and proctoring
  - No studying in the exam room (e.g. electronic exam)
  - How late can you arrive?
- Makeups vs. retakes
  - Makeup = you haven't take it yet
  - Retake = you're taking it a second time
  - Are retakes allowed in this course?

# Homework: working with other people

- Is it allowed?
  - Talking to course staff (e.g. TA) is almost always ok
  - Some courses explicitly allow you to work in groups
- How closely can you work together?
  - Often allowed to talk about general design
  - Copying or dictating code usually forbidden
- How big a group is allowed?
- Do you need to report who you worked with?
  - In your submission
  - In a separate statement

# Homework: group projects, group homework

- Know what your group members are doing
  - Don't split into several pieces and work independently
- Tell instructor if your group has problems

# Homework: using someone else's work

- Early CS courses
  - Typically forbidden
  - You need to write from scratch
- Later CS courses, humanities papers, etc
  - Should be a small quantity e.g. short quote, borrowed picture on slide
  - Sometimes ok to use major supporting computer packages
- Always include proper acknowledgement
- **If you aren't sure, ask.**

# Homework: protect your own work

- Don't send someone your code to "just look at"
  - Not email
  - Not chat
- Don't use someone else's code as a template even if you erase "everything"
  - Files can have hidden metadata
- Don't share laptop
  - Or at least give your friend a separate login so they don't see your private areas
  - If it's brief (just checking email), keep an eye on them
- Lock screen when leaving laptop around other folks
- Submit early, submit often
  - Your submission history helps show the work is yours

# MOSS (Measure of Software Similarity)

- <https://theory.stanford.edu/~aiken/moss/>
- Cosmetic changes don't fool it
  - E.g. changing names of variables
- Courses often have a database of old submissions
- Similar tools exist for humanities papers

# What if you are accused of an infraction?

- Email comes from the FAIR system (Faculty Academic Integrity Report)
  - Online, via my.cs
  - Don't ignore the email
- You have a chance to reply with your version of the facts
  - And a later chance to file an appeal
  - Email contains deadline for replying at each stage
- If you are guilty, it's not the end of the world
- <https://provost.illinois.edu/policies/policies/academic-integrity/students-quick-reference-guide-to-academic-integrity/>



# Process

- Instructor reports infraction on FAIR
- Student responds on FAIR
- Instructor produces their finding
  - Did the student do it?
  - If they did, proposed sanction
- (optional) Student appeals
- (optional) Appeal hearing, using by departmental committee
- Case closes

# I'm innocent!

- Mistakes happen
  - Explain what you believe happened
  - Fairly common for instructors to find that a student didn't do what was alleged
  - Appeal finding if it's wrong
- Did someone copy your work?
  - Do you have any theories about when and how?
  - Instructor must prove your actions were deliberate or negligent
- In a group project, did a teammate do something unethical?
  - No collective punishment: instructor must establish who did it
- Initial allegation should contain enough information for you to reply
  - If not, push back on the instructor or the departmental contact

# Yeah, I did it. What now?

- Typical penalties (e.g. plagiarized code for an MP)
  - Zero on assignment or quiz/exam, or
  - 10% (full letter grade) reduction in final grade
- Very few people can see the FAIR record
  - So a single violation doesn't wreck your life
- Can be worse if you did something unusually awful
- Definitely worse if you have repeat infractions
  - College scans FAIR system for repetitions
  - **DON'T DO IT AGAIN**

# Appeal process

- Short hearing
- Committee
  - Two faculty members
  - One student member
  - Faculty chair
- We're always looking for students to serve on committees
  - Best if you have taken at least CS 225

# Violations often due to panic

Too much to do

Getting lost in a course

Course isn't what you expected

Outside problems affecting academics

If you are swamped,  
Talk to your advisor

# Food and drink in classrooms

- Officially forbidden
- You will see minor violations, e.g. faculty with coffee
- Most important
  - Don't leave evidence, because
  - They always blame the undergrads
  - And then potential study space gets locked.