

POLICY FOR ACADEMIC CONDUCT

The homework and design problems in 6.012 are prepared with the aim of complementing lectures and recitations and are designed to reinforce important concepts and material. Working on the problem sets and design problems is extremely effective in assuring your command of the course material.

In order to encourage you to do the homework and design problems in a timely manner, a significant fraction of the final grade will be based on your performance in these exercises. This brings up important ethical questions to the foreground.

Our judgement is that the primary learning purpose of homework and design problems is best served by allowing and encouraging collaboration with fellow students. After all, modern engineering is almost exclusively a team effort. However, fairness requires us to be able to assess your own contribution. This also provides you with feedback that helps you learn better. Towards this goal, below are the rules for academic conduct in 6.012 this semester:

- You are allowed and encouraged to work with fellow students on homework and design problems.
- Collaborations or discussions must be acknowledged in writing in the assignment by all parties.
- You must work out the entire assignment.
- The written material that you hand in must be your own work.

The policy of academic conduct outlined in this handout is intended to help you make the most out of 6.012 by freely working with your class mates and any material you may find useful. If you have any doubts as to what constitutes ethical or unethical behavior, please contact any member of the staff. Violations to this policy will be handled with the maximum severity allowed by the Institute's Rules and Regulations.