

CMDA Statement on Academic Integrity

The field of Computational Modeling and Data Analytics requires professionals who act with the highest ethical standards. CMDA teaches skills that empower you to have a tremendous impact upon the world. We teach you these skills with the expectation that you will exercise them responsibly.

Responsible practice is a habit forged during your undergraduate studies. CMDA majors demonstrate their sound ethical foundation by completely adhering to the Virginia Tech Honor Code in all their courses. Not only do these policies prepare you for a rewarding professional life; they are designed to help you learn as much as possible from your courses.

Unless a faculty member explicitly states a different policy, the following rules apply to all work submitted in your CMDA classes.

1. You are free to discuss general ideas about projects and homework problems with your classmates.
You may not show a completed solution to another classmate, nor may you view theirs.
2. You must state the names of any classmates whom you have helped or received help from.
State these names clearly at the top of your assignment.
3. The work you turn in must be your own write-up: you may not copy solutions from another student, even if you worked together to understand the underlying techniques.
Your write-up must be prepared separately from your classmates.
4. The use of solutions or assignments from prior sections of the class (or similar classes at other institutions, GitHub, Stack Overflow, rent-a-coder sites, etc.) is *strictly prohibited*, regardless of how they are obtained.
5. Be sure to clean up your public workspace when you are done: for example, erase the whiteboards and do not leave code print-outs behind in the CMDA Collaboration Center. [Note: OSB will be closed for Fall 2020.]
6. You are free to discuss *general ideas* about computer programming, algorithms, and debugging strategies at a *conceptual level*.
7. You may not view one another's code. You may not debug someone else's code.
You may not share code or receive code.
This rule applies to source code and scripts, as well as LaTeX code. Copying from a screenshot, a photo of a screen, a print-out, or by any other mechanism, electronic or otherwise, is prohibited.
You cannot provide this assistance to students in classes you have already taken, unless you are serving in an official capacity as an Undergraduate Learning Assistant or CMDA Computing Consultant.
8. You are free to get help on programming issues and assignments from the course instructor, Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs), Undergraduate Learning Assistants (ULAs), and CMDA Computing Consultants (provided they are not enrolled in your class).
9. You may not post solutions (or any other course material) online, outside of Canvas.
Sharing any course materials on third party "study resource" sites is strictly prohibited.
10. You are expected to report any violations of the Virginia Tech Honor Code and this policy to the course instructor, the CMDA academic advisors, or the CMDA division leader.

If you are uncertain or concerned that a behavior might be a violation of the Honor Code, please ask your instructor for clarification.
The CMDA faculty are eager to help.