

As an interdisciplinary course, doing work in Bio131 may lead to a few questions. Who can you talk to? What resources can you use? What does it mean to “cheat” while writing a program? This document describes available resources and what actions are in violation of the Honor Principle.

1. You can ask **anyone** (Anna, TAs, other students) **anything** during lectures and labs.
2. You can **always** come to posted office hours or DoJo hours.
3. You can **always** look up how to use specific functions we have learned in Python (or spreadsheet functions in HW1). Refer to the Web Resources page for a list of resources.
4. For the **programming assignments**, unless explicitly specified:
 - (a) **Working together is encouraged.** You can talk to other students about the homework as much as you like. (Solo homeworks are the only exception, where you should complete the assignment on your own with the help of TAs and Anna).
 - (b) You must always **write programs/assignments on your own.**
5. For the **final project**, you may look online for support code. Online solutions for homework assignments are not allowed.

Code plagiarism is a real thing. Just like when writing papers, there is a way to cite others’ work. Identical code is just as bad as copying and pasting entire paragraphs of an essay from another source - **always write your code in your own style.** You have a lot of flexibility in naming variables, including print statements and comments in your code.

1. The early programming assignments may have instructions to copy code exactly; in these examples, many students will have identical code, which is fine. If you are uncertain about a homework, ask Anna.
2. For the larger programming assignments (HW3 on), your code may look similar to others if you work side by side. If you have extensive discussions with Anna, TAs, or students, add their names as comments to the header of the file. For example,

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# Anna helped me begin problem 2
# I discussed how to speed up problem 4 with Alex
# I helped Jane out with problem 5.
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3. If you borrow code from the web (**final projects only**), add the following information as comments to (a) the header of the file and (b) the location where you use it.
 - Title and author information (if it exists)
 - URL
 - Date you accessed the website

Warning: There are many incorrect programs floating around the internet. Make sure that the code you use actually does what you want it to do.