



California Institute of Technology  
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**Collaboration Policy for  
IDS/ACM/CS 157 Statistical Inference**

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Should any part of this policy be unclear or should you have any questions about how you are allowed to collaborate, please email the Instructor ([kostia@caltech.edu](mailto:kostia@caltech.edu)) or ask on Piazza <https://piazza.com/class/lu1nfnqimlx5wb/>

|  | <b>Problem Sets</b> | <b>Exams</b> |
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| <b>You may use the following resources:</b>  |                     |              |
| Course textbooks (including answers in the back)   | YES                 | YES          |
| Other books  | YES                 | YES          |
| Your notes   | YES                 | YES          |
| Direct copies (such as photocopies, pictures, scans) of class notes of others or official instructor's notes                       | YES                 | YES          |
| Your returned assignments  | YES                 | YES          |
| Solutions to assignments/exams from previous years   | NO                  | NO           |
| Solutions to assignments/exams from the current year, distributed by the instructor  | YES                 | YES          |
| Consult material posted publicly on the course forum (e.g. Piazza or other)  | YES                 | NO           |
| Post questions about problems on the course forum (e.g. Piazza or other), provided the question does not reveal a partial solution | YES                 | NO           |
| Consult online resources such as Wikipedia for general background material   | YES                 | NO           |
| Consult online resources for material specific to the work in the course   | NO                  | NO           |
| Post questions about problems on online sources such as question/answer forums or ChatGPT  | NO                  | NO           |
| <b>For written assignments, you may:</b>   |                     |              |
| Discuss problems with others in small groups   | YES                 | NO           |
| Look at individual written work of others while researching a problem  | NO                  | NO           |
| Look at communal materials, such as a group discussion performed on a virtual white board, while writing up your solution          | YES                 | NO           |
| Reference group work or another student's completed solution in your own solution  | NO                  | NO           |
| Directly copy group work or another student's completed solution in your own solution  | NO                  | NO           |

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| <b>For coding assignments, you may:</b>   |     |     |
| Look at code written by other students in the class   | NO  | NO  |
| Look at code found in online repositories, or written by former students in the class                                     | NO  | NO  |
| Discuss high-level problems with others in small groups   | YES | NO  |
| Look at communal materials, such as a group discussion performed on a virtual white board, while writing up your solution | YES | NO  |
| <b>You must:</b>  |     |     |
| Turn in your own write-up/program   | YES | YES |
| Indicate your name on your solution   | YES | YES |
| Indicate the names of all collaborators on your solution  | YES | NO  |