

Questions to ask your Professors - To avoid Academic Dishonesty

- 1. Is it acceptable to consult or collaborate with any of the following people in order to fulfill this assignment/test/lab?**
 - Students within the same class
 - Students in another section of the same course
 - Any student at WPI.
 - Other faculty members at WPI
 - A tutor from the Academic Resource Center or Writing Center
 - Anyone outside of WPI
- 2. What kinds of collaboration (if any) is acceptable and unacceptable?**
 - Talking through ideas for a project or paper
 - Getting general feedback on written drafts
 - Asking for additional instruction, clarification, or background on assignment concepts
 - Asking for references to appropriate sources
 - Working through an example or similar problem with another person
- 3. If others are consulted, should they be acknowledged? What format should be used?**
- 4. What types of resources may I consult in order to fulfill this assignment?**
- 5. What type of citation and/or documentation format should I use to fulfill this assignment, if any?**
 - MLA, APA, IEEE, Chicago, CSE, Turabian, or other?
- 6. May I use my own previous work to fulfill this assignment? If yes, what restrictions are placed on my use of this work?**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Some suggestions, based upon the cited GQP below:

- Be aware of the Student Guide to Academic Integrity, and understand your rights and responsibilities associated with academic honesty.
- Understand the consequences of academic dishonest behavior.
- Keep up to date on course content and expected assignments and due dates.
- Ask for help – whether from your faculty member, the TA, tutor, PA, and/or from the Academic Resource Center (Daniels Hall) or Writing Center (Salisbury Labs 20).
- As about “collaboration, and understand what your faculty member means by this term. Students often misinterpret what is and is not permitted while working with others.
- Do not give any course materials to others without the professor’s authorization.
- Remind your friends that collaboration with **individual** assignments is not allowed.
- Check with the Dean of Students Office if you have any questions on this issue!

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