Department Policy on Academic Integrity

The following is an excerpt from the Cornell University Computer Science Department's Code of Academic Integrity for use in CS99. The exclusion of any part does not excuse ignorance of the Code.

Principle

Absolute integrity is expected of every Cornell student in all academic undertakings; he/she must in no way misrepresent his/her work fraudulently or unfairly advance his/her academic status, or be a party to another student's failure to maintain academic integrity.

General Responsibilities

1. A student assumes responsibility for the content and integrity of the academic work he/she submits, such as papers, examinations, or reports.
2. A student shall be guilty of violating the Code and subject to proceedings under it if he/she:
   - knowingly represents the work of others as his/her own.
   - uses or obtains unauthorized assistance in any academic work.

Specific Remarks for Students in CS Courses

Unless otherwise specified by the individual professor [Note to CS99: I have not specified otherwise -- MRC], the work you do in Computer Science courses is expected to be the result of your individual effort - the use of a computer in no way modifies the normal standards of the above Code. You may discuss work with other students, and give or receive "consulting" help from other students, but such permissible cooperation should never involve one student having in his or her possession a copy of all or part of another student's assignment - regardless of whether that copy is on paper, on a computer disk, or in a computer file. This implies that there is no legitimate reason to send a copy of a program from one computer account to another, or to be logged-on to another student's account.

Discussion of general strategy or algorithms is permissible, but you may not collaborate in the detailed development or actual writing of an assignment. It is also your responsibility to protect your work from unauthorized access.

The penalty for any violation of this Code in Computer Science courses may be failure in the course. This includes collaboration, providing a copy, or accepting a copy of work that is expected to be individual effort.

For the full Code, see:

- http://www.cs.cornell.edu/ugrad/AcadInteg.html (Department)
- http://www.cornell.edu/Academic/AIC.html (University)