

# Collaboration guidelines

This file presents the guidelines for successful collaboration during this course. They will assist you and your peers in truly grasping the course material, whilst still being able to help each other out.

We, as course staff, will actively remove posts and responses which we feel are inappropriate (literally giving answers, rather than giving tips). Repeated violation of the guidelines may result in your progress in the course being erased and/or your account being deactivated. *(Please remember that the edX Honor code also applies outside of edx.org)*

Here we go:

1. It is **OK** to discuss the general approach to solving a problem.
2. It is **OK** to work with others to come up with the general steps for a solution
3. It is **OK** to give/receive hints when you or someone else is stuck.
4. It is **not OK** to receive the details of a solution, these you should work out yourself.
5. It is **not OK** to simply copy someone else's solution / let your solution be copied.
6. It is **not OK** to plug your numbers in someone else's formula to get an answer.
7. It is **not OK** to consult a step-by-step solution to a problem, when the deadline has not passed yet.
8. It is **not OK** to share/receive the answers to an assignment before its deadline.
9. It is **OK** to let someone help you one step further in a solution, provided that you have given it a wholehearted attempt and are stuck for some time.

And most important!

- 10. After you have collaborated with others to find a solution, you should be able to solve a similar problem by yourself the next time!**

Good luck in collaborating!