

18.369 Homework Policy: Sources and Collaboration

The following guidelines are intended to make sure everyone is clear and comfortable regarding what is expected of them for coursework in this class.

First, **talk to anyone you wish**, and **read anything you wish** (with the **exception** of homework solutions from previous terms, which are strictly *verboten*). In fact, I encourage you to discuss the course material and the homework problems with your classmates—often, the best way to learn something is to force yourself to explain it to someone else.

However, *before* you discuss a homework problem with a classmate or look for related information in some other reference, I expect you to **first make a solid effort at it on your own**.

Second, *after* you discuss a homework problem with a classmate or read related information in some other reference, I expect you to **write up the solution on your own**, in your own words, starting from something close to a blank sheet of paper.

Finally, if you do find some other reference book (other than the ones already listed on the course web page) to be especially helpful, I would appreciate hearing about it for my own information.