Collaboration Guidelines

Below are guidelines for acceptable collaboration in EX101x. They will help you to work with your peers in order to truly learn the material, which is the real value of taking this course.

We, as course staff, will actively remove posts and responses in the discussion forum 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, so also do not post answers on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or your own personal webpage)

- 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 or receive hints if you get stuck while attempting a problem.
- 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 or answer or allow someone to copy yours.
- 6. It is **NOT OK** to simply plug in your own numbers into someone else's formula in order to get a final answer.
- 7. It is **NOT OK** to look at a step-by-step solution to a problem before its deadline has passed.
- 8. It is **NOT OK** to share or receive answers to an assignment before its deadline has passed.
- 9. It is **OK** to let someone show you a few steps of a solution, provided you have already given a wholehearted attempted to solve it by yourself and have been stuck for some time.

Most Importantly, after you have collaborated with others in generating a correct solution, you should be able to do a very similar problem on your own.

Good luck in collaborating! The EX101x Team