

## **GCCC Statement on Coursework Collaboration and the CU Honor Code, Fall 2021**

The Department of Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences (APS) Graduate Curriculum and Concerns Committee supports the University of Colorado [Honor Code](#), "*On my honor, as a University of Colorado Boulder student I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance.*" [Graduate coursework](#) and [Comprehensive Examination](#) preparation are not intended to be conducted by students working in isolation; collaboration and teamwork are central to many projects in the physical sciences. Except where specifically indicated by the course instructor, APS encourages its students to seek out allowed resources that enable creative and successful solutions to graduate coursework and examinations. Allowed resources include, but are not limited to, collaboration on homework, class projects, exam studying, studying from previous Comprehensive Examination notes and topics (including the previous Comps 1 repository), and soliciting feedback from other graduate students during class project and exam preparation (e.g., attending and providing feedback on a Comprehensive Examination practice talk). Submitted homework assignments and examinations are expected to be the student's individual work.

Allowed resources do not extend to transmitting or receiving homework assignment solutions or examinations from previous academic years with the intent to copy or reuse solutions that the student did not develop through individual or collaborative effort. APS considers that such activities can undermine a student's education, gives a student an unfair advantage in academic endeavours, and constitutes a violation of the University of Colorado's Honor Code. Per university guidelines, instructors who suspect a student in their class to be in violation of the Honor Code have a responsibility to address the incident in question, including possible referral to the office of Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution. We refer students and faculty to additional information and resources regarding the University of Colorado Honor Code [here](#).