Students in the CHEM 242 laboratory are not only allowed, they are encouraged to work together to gather and interpret data.

Having said that: A final lab report is to be completed individually. Conclusions from discussions with classmates can be used, but answers must be in your own words. Collaboration with classmates outside lab on calculations, data presentation and post-lab questions is not authorized; nor is comparing answers and calculations before submitting the lab report.

To that end, each lab report ends with the Honor Pledge, which students are encouraged to sign: Honor Pledge: I pledge, on my honor that I have neither given, nor received, any unauthorized assistance on this assignment. Signed: ______________________________

To reduce ambiguity about what might constitute academic dishonesty in the Organic Chemistry lab, consider the following [non-all inclusive] examples, which describe incidents which occurred in the past and were referred to the Office of Student Conduct; you should expect that similar cases will be pursued this semester.

♦ Word-for-word identical answers to descriptions of observations, and/or lab report questions
♦ Identical, or strikingly similar, strange incorrect answers.
♦ Reference to terms or concepts which are not relevant to the experiment performed but appear on multiple reports because they were found by on the internet and shared
♦ Use of information obtained from the internet or another source which is not acknowledged or source cited.
♦ Appearance of a short-hand ‘catch phrase seen in a correct context in one report, used in a confused, convoluted, or meaningless context in another
♦ Calculations in which the set-up of the problem, including the placement of the numbers used, appear in the exact same position on the piece of paper; when the same [wrong] number of significant figures appears in identical calculated result; when units are [or are not] attached to identical calculated results.
♦ Presentation of data and/or calculations in the same unusual or unexpected place or way
♦ Calculated results appearing in a report form which are crossed out and replaced with different figures which are identical to those found on another lab report
♦ Answers which are similar to those of another student and appear in an ink which is obviously different from that used in the rest of the report.
• Presentation and use of data, which was supposed to be gathered individually, yet is identical to that of another student.
• Presentation of data which was not collected by the student him/herself during the current semester.
• Submission of a lab report for an experiment which the student did not perform at a lab he/she did not attend.
• Submission of a lab report for regarding in which answers appear to have been altered or erased and rewritten.
• Applying to take a make-up for an experiment the student actually performed, usually because the lab report was not submitted by the deadline.