

Rules of TALC:

1) TAs don't give out answers

It is made clear from the first day that TA's are there as guides, not tutors or to act as "the back of the book." Students often complain that their questions are answered with questions, but this method is usually appreciated later.

2) TAs will not look at your paper

TA's can get bogged down with one student out of many if they are constantly checking students' individual papers. Our common response is, "we aren't interested in your paper, that's for the graders. However, you and your group can go to a board."

3) Students working at a board and in groups will receive priority assistance

Students are encouraged to work in groups at a chalk or white board. In this manner, one TA can monitor several groups at the same time and students learn to work collaboratively.

4) HW must be written up independently. NO COPYING

UC Berkeley's cheating policy is upheld rigorously in TALC

5) TALC Tax: If you receive help from a TA you may later be asked to help one of your peers

This does two things. First it helps the TA's by creating what we call "miniTA's." Secondly, it helps the students, for if they can explain the concept they just learned, then they truly understand it. If they don't understand it, there is a TA always within earshot to offer assistance.

6) If GSIs are busy, ask your fellow students!

Collaborative learning is the cornerstone of the LC model in general and TALC in particular.