32670 - Mixing of male and female students for a project required for graduation

the question

I am in the college of engineering and there is a project we must do in order to graduate next year, in sha Allah. As the number of girls is so little, especially girls who work hard, and I am the top student in my year, praise be to Allah, is it permissible for me to work with boys, or should I take the risk of working with girls whose level is lower than mine and having to do all the work myself? May Allah reward you with good.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Mixed education brings a lot of bad consequences and many dangers. Hence a number of scholars have issued fatwas stating that it is haram. We have stated that previously in the answers to questions no. 32670 , 127946 , 72448 . 45883

Undoubtedly working with men on the graduation project will involve more than just being with them in the classroom, because it will require a lot of mixing, meeting, contact and consultation. Hence the ruling on that is more strict. What you have mentioned is not an excuse to allow this work. The interest of protecting religious commitment takes precedence over all other interests.

So fear Allah and seek His help and the means of steadfastness. Beware of mixing with men, and trust that Allah is with the pious, the believers and those who do good, as He has told us.

For the rest of your studies, observe hijab, avoid men, persist in lowering your gaze and avoid adornment.

We ask Allah to make you strong and to guide you to that which He loves and which pleases Him.

And Allah knows best.