

The Honor Code



Responsibility of Students

The success of the Honor Code depends upon the willingness of students to comply voluntarily with the provisions of the code. Each student is expected to:

- Read the Honor Code and honor system procedures.
- Refrain from working with others on homework assignments, take-home tests or quizzes, papers or any other type of out-of-class assignments without specific approval of the instructor.
- Learn what constitutes plagiarism. Those who use the words or ideas of another person must provide the source of the words or ideas in any work they submit for academic credit.
- Avoid engaging in conduct which might lead someone to believe they are engaging in academic misconduct. Students must refrain from talking to other students during an exam or quiz. They should not allow their eyes to wander during an exam or quiz.
- Not provide false information to a faculty member regarding an academic matter, including reasons for missing a class or an exam.
- Not take unfair advantage of other students. Unless they first receive permission from the instructor, they should not ask another student for help on a project, paper, homework or other class assignment.
- Not submit the same work in more than one class without the permission of the instructors. Work completed for one class may not be used to satisfy the requirements for another class.
- Not purchase term papers from other students or from commercial term paper providers.
- Not ask another student to sign their name to a class attendance roll.

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Responsibility of Students (continued)

- Not falsify data used to complete a lab assignment or experiment.
- Know the rules; ignorance is not a defense. Those who violate the Honor Code are subject to penalties including suspension and expulsion.

Examples of Honor Code Violations

- Collaborating on projects, papers or assignments without first receiving permission from the faculty member
- Committing plagiarism by deliberately failing to cite properly the sources used in an assignment/paper.
- Giving or receiving answers on an exam
- Reviewing a previous copy of an exam without receiving permission from the faculty member.
- Asking another student to sign a class attendance sheet.
- Faking an illness or giving a false excuse to avoid a test or to hand in an assignment late.
- Purchasing or copying a term paper from a person or the internet and submitting it for credit.
- Turning in a copy of another student's work with or without knowledge of the other student.

The Honor Council

The Honor Council is responsible for ensuring the Honor Code is properly implemented and maintained. The Council is composed of approximately 100 members, including:

- The Honor Council president and vice-president
- The Honor Council Coordinator
- Three student investigators
- Up to 50 faculty members
- Up to 40 undergraduate student representatives
- Up to 10 graduate student representatives

How Honor Code Violations Effect Transcripts

If a student is expelled from the university because of an honor violation, the student's official university records will so indicate. If a student is suspended from the university because of an honor violation, the student's official transcript is affected in the following ways:

Any copy of the student's transcript which is prepared or sent out between the final review and the end of the suspension period includes the notation "NOT IN GOOD STANDING."

After the end of the suspension period, the grade of "F" in the course in which the violation occurred remains and the course may have a "Transcript Notation" of an honor code violation, if this was part of the penalty.

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