

The Honor Code & Pledge

Each Davidson student is honor bound to refrain from stealing, lying about College business, and cheating on academic work. Stealing is the intentional taking of any property without right or permission. Lying is intentional misrepresentation of any form. Cheating is any practice, method, or assistance, whether explicitly forbidden or unmentioned, that involves any degree of dishonesty, fraud, or deceit. Cheating includes plagiarism, which is representing another's ideas or words as one's own. Additional guidelines for each class may be determined by its professor; each Davidson student is responsible for knowing and adhering to them. Each student is responsible for learning and observing appropriate documentation of another's work. Each Davidson student is honor bound to report immediately all violations of the Honor Code of which the student has first-hand knowledge; failure to do so is itself a violation of the Honor Code. All students, faculty, and other employees of Davidson College are responsible for familiarity with and support of the Honor Code. Any student, faculty member, administrative officer, employee, or guest of the College may charge a student with a violation of the Honor Code. Charges are presented to the Dean of Students and must be signed. If the Dean determines that further proceedings are warranted by the Honor Council, the Dean will prepare a formal charge. Hearings, administrative conferences and other proceedings regarding alleged violations of the Honor Code shall be conducted pursuant to the Code of Disciplinary Procedures.

The following statement is the official Honor Pledge of Davidson College:

"On my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized information regarding this work, I have followed and will continue to observe all regulations regarding it, and I am unaware of any violation of the Honor Code by others."

The Code of Responsibility

As a liberal arts college grounded in the Reformed Tradition, Davidson College ("Davidson" or the "College") seeks to promote students' development of humane instincts, and disciplined and creative minds for lives of leadership, service and self-fulfillment. The Code of Responsibility is based upon the belief that Davidson's purpose can best be advanced in an educational environment that emphasizes the responsible use of freedom within a community that values integrity and mutual respect. Therefore, rather than detailing an elaborate list of rules, this Code defines basic principles that the College expects all students to adopt, so that each individual can freely develop and exercise responsible judgment. This Code of Responsibility is established in accord with the College Constitution. Behavior protected by Article XII of the College Constitution (Student Rights and Responsibilities), including freedom of expression and assembly, is not prohibited under the Code of Responsibility.

General Provisions

Upon entry to Davidson, students adopt the following Statement of Community Responsibility.

- I. We are a community of learners who value personal and intellectual honesty.**
- II. Our actions reflect maturity, social responsibility and respect toward others.**
- III. We value individual differences and will not tolerate harassment or discrimination.**
- IV. Our actions show respect for health and well-being.**
- V. We honor Davidson by upholding the policies that support our community standards.**

Specific Definitions and Guidelines

- I. We are a community of learners who value personal and intellectual honesty.**

Acts of basic dishonesty, while not dealt with in the Honor Code, may be dealt with by the Honor Council. It is, therefore, the responsibility of teacher, administrator, and student to create a climate at Davidson which encourages learning and the development of relationships characterized by integrity. Such a climate requires personal discipline and scholarly integrity. For example: A student who represents himself or herself with a false

identification card may be charged with an act of dishonesty. The false use of a Davidson I.D. card constitutes the misuse of an official college document.

II. Our actions reflect maturity, social responsibility and respect toward others.

Social Responsibility Students are expected to develop social skills and relations which are mutually beneficial and which lead to personal maturity. Social conduct is therefore to be based upon concern for others. For example, students have the obligation to avoid any action which might impair the well-being or reputation of guests. Residence hall units, fraternities, and other social organizations have a special responsibility to promote these standards of conduct.

Financial Responsibility Since financial integrity is an essential part of maturity, it is expected that every student will satisfactorily settle all outstanding financial obligations. No student may be graduated or receive transcripts from the College until their financial obligations to the College or campus organizations are settled to the satisfaction of the Business Office or those organizations.

Respecting Others and Their Rights The students of Davidson College are responsible for maintaining an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. To that end, students will not engage in any form of activity which intentionally or recklessly results in physical injury to any person on College premises or at College sponsored activities, or which interferes with the rights of visitors or members of the community. Physical abuse, threats of violence, hazing, or conduct which might endanger the health and safety of others are prohibited whether on or off campus.

Respecting Community Space and Property of Others It is the responsibility of students to respect the property and rights of others. Therefore, students will not engage in any form of activity which results in or might naturally result in (1) damage to property, (2) interference with the rights of members of the community or visitors, or (3) interference with the normal activities of the College. Damage to information on computers will be viewed in the same manner as damage to property. Since a person keeping information on computers has the right to assume its privacy, students will thus not engage in unauthorized review, transfer, or alteration of information on computers.

III. We value individual differences and will not tolerate harassment or discrimination.

Harassment Harassment is unwanted behavior that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's or a group of persons' educational, work, social or living activities. As such, it violates this Code and, in some cases, federal or state law. Harassment can take many forms. Types of harassment include:

- Peer harassment involves persistent, intentional degradation, intimidation, or abuse of another person.
- Quid pro quo harassment involves abuse of one's power, authority, or position such that
 - a. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's education or employment; or
 - b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting the individual's welfare.
- Hostile environment harassment involves conduct that substantially interferes with an individual's educational, work, social, or living environment.