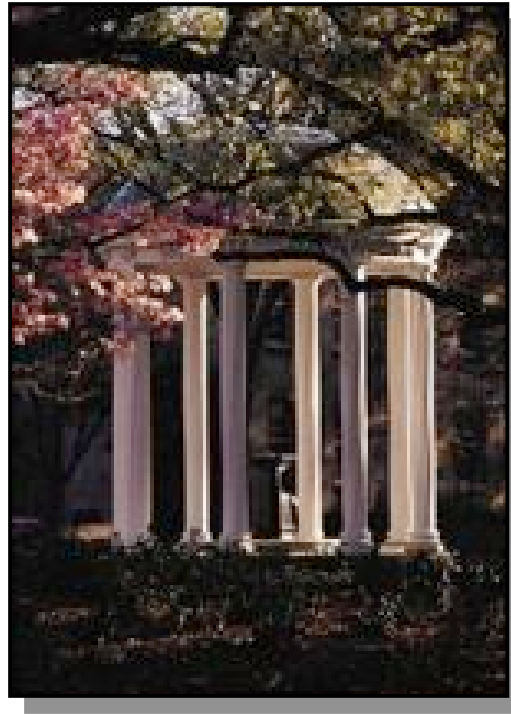


# Honor at Carolina:

## Conduct, Integrity, and the Carolina Way



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# Honor: A Carolina Tradition

- For over two centuries, Carolina Students have pledged not to lie, cheat, or steal……
- Goals:
  - \_ Teach and promote personal honor and respect for the rights of others
  - \_ Encourage intellectual honesty, personal integrity, respect and trust for other individuals
  - \_ Protect educational opportunities for all students

# What is the Honor Code?

- Instrument of Student Judicial Governance  
(<http://instrument.unc.edu>)
- Covers academic dishonesty and student conduct
- Covers both on and off campus behavior
- Applies from application to graduation

# Types of Violations

## Academic dishonesty (examples)

- \_ Plagiarism (deliberate or reckless representation of another's words, thoughts, or ideas as one's own without attribution)
- \_ Unauthorized collaboration
- \_ Cheating on an exam or assignment
  - Common Causes:
    - \_Lack of preparation
    - \_Lack of understanding instructor's expectations
    - \_Time management issues
    - \_Stress-related issues
    - \_Sense of being overwhelmed

# Types of Violations

## Conduct

- Property damage/disorderly conduct
- Theft
- Fighting/assault
- Hazing
- Marijuana/other drug possession
- Driving under the Influence
- Sexual assault

**Many conduct violations are drug/alcohol related.**

# The Honor System Process

- Student-led system
- Complaints are filed with the Student Attorney General who investigates and makes charge decision
- A student court hears evidence on the charge, decides guilt or innocence, and imposes sanctions

# Possible Sanctions~Academic Dishonesty

- For academic cases, the usual sanction is one semester suspension and a grade of F in the course or on the assignment
- Minimum sanction in academic cases is one semester probation and a grade of F in the course or on the assignment
- Repeat academic offenses carry a minimum sanction of two semesters of suspension

# Possible Sanctions~Conduct

- Depending on the nature of the offense, a student could be sanctioned with anything from a written warning to expulsion
- Mandatory and minimum sanctions for drug offenses and sexual assault
- Many conduct-related sanctions include community service or other educational components

# Disciplinary Records

- *Any* violation results in a disciplinary record maintained for 10 years. This disciplinary record may be requested by graduate and professional schools and employers.
- During the time that a sanction is active, a notation of disciplinary action is placed on the student's transcript.

# Preventing Violations

- Encourage students to plan ahead for their papers and exams rather than waiting to the last minute
- Discuss the honor code and the possible consequences for misconduct
- Encourage students to enjoy learning and seek help rather than pressure them to get all A's
- Model the importance of honor and integrity

# Dealing with a Possible Violation

- Practice the “24 hour rule”
- Educate yourself about the Honor System
- Resist the temptation to try to “fix” the problem for your student

# Thank You

Welcome to the Carolina  
Family

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