

## **Why Academic Integrity is so Important: The Honor Pledge**

**I am here to learn.** A college education is not only about earning a degree. A degree signifies that a student has engaged in the process of learning.

**Through learning, I will strive to become a better person and a more valuable contributor to society.** Learning involves accepting individual responsibility for our actions. Becoming a better person means becoming ever more responsible as a decision maker both professionally and personally.

**I understand that dishonesty in the classroom, through cheating, plagiarism, or other dishonest acts, defeats this purpose and disgraces the mission and quality of a Purdue University Calumet education.** Because academic dishonesty is incompatible with learning, dishonest students do a disservice to their employers, since they will be less able to apply their knowledge successfully and less able to learn new skills in the workplace.

**Therefore, I make the following pledge: in accordance with the Honor Code, I will not engage in dishonesty in my academic activities, and I will not tolerate such dishonesty by other students.** In agreeing to this pledge, students make the explicit promise to engage in learning, not to undermine it. When students honor this pledge, they better themselves, better society, and promote an important goal of Purdue University Calumet.



## **Academic Integrity**

At Purdue University Calumet we are committed to academic integrity.

<http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/integrity/>

## **Honor Code**

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## Honor Council

The Honor Council at Purdue University Calumet is one component of an overall system of promoting academic integrity at the university. As such, the Honor Council will operate in accordance with the Honor Code, the Honor Pledge, and other initiatives related to the promotion of academic integrity.

### Procedures for an Honor Hearing

A. It is hoped that most allegations of academic dishonesty will be resolved before any formal request for an Honor Hearing becomes necessary.

B. If a resolution agreeable to both parties (accused student and accusing instructor) cannot be achieved, the student may submit a formal request for an Honor Hearing.

C. The formal request must be made in writing to the Chair of the Honor Council. A request for an Honor Hearing must be based on one of the following claims:

1. The allegation of academic dishonesty is false.
2. The instructor's allegation of academic dishonesty and/or the subsequent penalty issued are in violation of university policy.

### Contacting the Honor Council Chairperson

For further information call the Office of the Dean of Students  
(219) 989-4141

## Types of Dishonesty

**Cheating:** A form of dishonesty where a student attempts to deceive the instructor. Cheating deprives a student of obtaining true knowledge or skill. A few examples of cheating are copying from another student during an exam or on an assignment, obtaining answers to an exam from a student who has already taken the exam, obtaining an unauthorized advance copy of an exam, unauthorized use of materials such as a crib sheet, and unauthorized use of electronic devices.

**Plagiarism:** Presenting the ideas or words of another as one's own. Most simply, plagiarism is intellectual theft. Types of plagiarism include: Intentional plagiarism, inadvertent plagiarism, complete plagiarism, direct plagiarism, paraphrased plagiarism, mosaic plagiarism, lazy plagiarism and self-plagiarism.

**Falsification:** The deliberate and unauthorized misrepresentation of any information. Falsification includes intentionally reporting false data, research, reports, or citations.

**Bribery:** Includes the offering, giving or taking of any consideration in order to gain an illegitimate advantage not otherwise earned by the student.

**Collusion:** The collaboration of students to intentionally violate the Honor Code. There is no distinction between those who violate the Honor Code, and those who willingly allow it to occur.