

# University of Denver Honor Code

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## Honor Code Statement

All members of the University community are entrusted with the responsibility of observing certain ethical goals and values as they relate to academic integrity. Essential to the fundamental purpose of the University is the commitment to the principles of truth and honesty. The Honor Code is designed so that responsibility for upholding these principles lies with the individual as well as the entire community.

The Honor Code fosters and advances an environment of ethical conduct in the academic community of the University, the foundation of which includes the pursuit of academic honesty and integrity. Through an atmosphere of mutual respect we enhance the value of our education and bring forth the highest standard of academic excellence. Members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees, must not commit any intentional misrepresentation or deception in academic or professional matters.

([www.du.edu/ccs/honorcode](http://www.du.edu/ccs/honorcode))

## Faculty: What should you do if you think someone has violated the Honor Code?

### Reporting Honor Code Violations

Every member of the University community is strongly encouraged, though not required, to report apparent violations of the Honor Code. A violation is reported when the Academic Dishonesty Allegations Form (ADAF) is submitted to the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards (CCS).

Before initiating a formal inquiry or filing an ADAF, any member of the University Community who becomes aware of an actual or possible violation of the Honor Code may consult with CCS to request anonymous advice as to the nature of the procedures, gather information about available options, or use CCS as a sounding board to discuss the situation. No records are kept of such consultations.

Faculty members may also talk with the student suspected of a violation about possible Honor Code violations for purposes that include, but are not limited to, gathering additional information and clarifying perceptions of student behaviors.

Although DU's Honor Code permits instructors to make individual judgments about first instances of academic dishonesty, instructors are strongly encouraged to refer all violations of the Honor Code to the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards so that the University can maintain consistency across cases. Honor Code violations are more than a private issue between instructor and students; they are a matter of community concern and accountability.

Questions? Contact Dan Kast, Director of Citizenship and Community Standards at x14851 or [dkast@du.edu](mailto:dkast@du.edu).

## Students: What should you do if you think someone has violated the Honor Code?

### Reporting Honor Code Violations

Every member of the University community is strongly encouraged, though not required, to report apparent violations of the Honor Code to the appropriate faculty member, academic unit, and/or the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards (CCS). Honor Code violations are a matter of community concern and accountability.

Before initiating a formal complaint, any member of the University Community who becomes aware of an actual or possible violation of the Honor Code may consult with CCS to request anonymous advice as to the nature of the procedures, gather information about available options, or use CCS as a sounding board to discuss the situation. No records are kept of such consultations.

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