

Motivations for the Honor Code

A supplement to the UTEP College of Engineering Honor Code

The College has established an Honor Code because it has an obligation to the State and the public to ensure that students entering the profession have proven honest and trustworthy in their academic efforts. This Honor Code Policy allows the College to recommend disciplinary action to the University Office of Student Services and to remove students from the College who have violated the Honor Code. This Honor Code is consistent with the Student Conduct and Discipline Chapter of the Student Affairs Section of the Handbook of Operating Procedures of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP, 2010, <http://admin.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=30292>).

The Honor Code applies to graduate and undergraduate students.

The Honor Code is based on these principles:

- Engineers must possess personal integrity both as students and as professionals. They must ensure safety, health, fairness, and honesty in their undertakings.
- Students in the College are honorable and trustworthy.
- The students, faculty, and administrators of the College trust each other to uphold the principles of the Honor Code, and they are jointly responsible for precautions against violations of its policies.
- It is dishonorable for students to receive credit for work that is not the result of their own efforts.

College students are required to sign an Honor Code Agreement that will be kept on file with the College. The Honor Code has been established to support and enforce course policies set by instructors. Course instructors have full latitude when preparing the policies for their courses. This can lead to variations between policies of different courses. It is the instructor's responsibility to clearly specify course policies.