



Padnos School of Engineering Honor Code

While knowledge and skill are certainly important to engineering practice, an engineer's integrity is even more important. You must establish this integrity as a student. The professional engineering community monitors itself to establish trustworthiness or integrity. For that reason:

An engineering student will not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do.

Rules of thumb:

1. Does this action attempt to deceive anyone or allow anyone to be deceived? Handing in or using someone else's work in electronic or any other form is deceiving my instructor. Grades are assigned to assess *my* grasp of a concept or skill for future use. If I choose to evade the evaluation or grading process in this way I will deceive my instructor, but I will also deceive my future employer, the clients who will depend on my engineering expertise, and the general public.
2. Does this action result in an undue advantage to which I would otherwise not be entitled?
3. Would I be satisfied by the outcome if I were on the receiving end of this action?

The Honor Concept is way of life that affects every part of life - rather than a set of regulations for which violators will be punished. It should extend to all areas of an engineer's life – personal as well as professional because the habits of the mind (such as integrity or honesty) that rule one area also tend to rule others – especially when under stress. The Honor Concept is pro-active rather than re-active; its main goal is not to punish but to build the level of trust-worthiness or integrity of every member of the engineering community. Students must be trained in the Honor Concept as an essential part of their preparation to practice engineering in an ethical manner.

Application: At all times I should consciously do the right thing because it is the right thing to do and not out of fear of punishment. If I, as an engineer, cannot be trusted, no amount of skill or knowledge will be useful to others. Because of the level of public trust placed in engineers, the honor concept is absolutely essential to the engineering profession. If I cannot be trusted, I also cannot be tolerated as a member of the professional community of engineers.

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