

The Structure of the Honor System

The Honor System is responsible for handling academic dishonesty at Rice, and has a few key components that every student needs to understand. This module will cover several structures of importance, including:

- What the Honor Council is
- What the pledge is
- Why the Honor Code exists
- How the Honor Code applies to schoolwork
- What, in general, a violation is

Later modules will further explain common violations, give specific examples of violations, and provide resources useful in preventing violations.

The Honor Council

The Honor Council is an organization consisting of both undergraduate and graduate students responsible for hearing and deciding upon all accusations of Honor Code Violations.

The Pledge

The pledge is the physical reaffirmation of the Honor Code.

On my honor, I have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid on this assignment.

This statement applies to all assessments at Rice, whether explicitly written or implicitly understood from your matriculation pledge.

Purpose of the Honor Code

A contract between students established in 1912 to:

1. Maintain the academic integrity of Rice, its students, and faculty.
2. Ensure the freedom and security of all students at Rice.
3. Foster a culture of trust between students and the faculty.

The Honor Code in Class

All assignments completed at Rice must adhere to the course's defined Honor Code.

- Responsibility of ensuring this expectation falls upon the professor and the student

Every class syllabus outlines its requirements which are defined by the professor.

- The course policy can be changed at any time only if made known to the class
- **It is always the imperative of the student to ask for clarification if a professor's Honor Code policy seems unclear.**

General Violations

While specific violations can be further specified by instructors, academic fraud of any sort is a violation of the Honor Code.

Primary forms of academic fraud are:

1. Plagiarism
2. Multiple Submission
3. False Citation
4. False Data
5. Unauthorized Aid

Each of these violations will be explained further in the next module, Types of Violations.