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The Honor Pledge

"As a student at Francis Marion University, I pledge to obey the FMU Honor Code and civil/criminal laws. I pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. I will encourage others to respect the Honor Code and will exhibit reasonable judgment in reporting students who violate it."

Philosophy and Purpose

The FMU Honor Code consists of academic and student conduct sections and contains the expectations, policies, and procedures that apply to all Francis Marion University students. These sections are designed to support the educational mission of the University, to protect the University community from disruption and harm, and to maintain appropriate standards of individual and group behavior. The sections should be read broadly and are not intended to define misconduct in exhaustive terms.

Authority of the University

The University reserves the right to take all necessary and appropriate steps to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community. Any act committed by a student, whether on- or off-campus, which is determined by the University to be a threat to the safety or well-being of the community or which is disruptive to the primary purposes of the University may result in the University taking action in accordance with community standards. Student, for the purpose of this policy, is defined to mean a person enrolled for one or more hours of academic credit, or in a noncredit course or courses offered in the name of the University; or a person admitted or seeking admission to the University if action is related to University admission, function, or event. Violations by non-students may result in restricted access to campus or University events. Non-students are expected to abide by these policies as well. It is the responsibility of the student host of the non-student to make his or her guest aware of these behavioral expectations.

Civility in the Classroom

The classroom is an integral component of the educational community, and FMU strives to provide an environment appropriate to the University setting. Students are expected to interact in a civil manner, treating all persons with respect, and to adhere to behavioral standards contained in the respective course syllabi. Disruption of classroom instruction by students is not tolerated and will result in the removal of the disruptive student or students from class. Disruptive or uncivil behavior in the classroom may result in appropriate disciplinary action, which could include suspension, expulsion, or other University sanctions.

Reporting of Violations

Students may report possible Academic Conduct violations to the instructor in question, the appropriate Department Chair or Dean, the Office of the Provost, or the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Students reporting possible academic violations have the right of confidentiality. Students may refer possible Student Conduct violations to Campus Police or to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Those making such referrals are required to provide information pertinent to the case.

ACADEMIC CONDUCT

A primary responsibility of an instructor is to certify that a specific academic assignment has been mastered sufficiently to merit college credit. An inseparable part of this responsibility is to take all possible precautions to ensure that the credit has not been attained by fraud. The instructor should rigorously enforce honesty concerning all academic work submitted by his/her students for evaluation. While it is difficult to define precisely and all inclusively all aspects of academic dishonesty, the following statements should serve as a guide.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, wrongfully giving, taking or presenting any information or material by a student with the intent of aiding him/herself or any other person on any academic work which is considered in any way in the determination of the final grade. Plagiarism involves the use of the ideas or writings of another without acknowledgment of that use. A more detailed description of these two forms of academic dishonesty, and how allegations of academic dishonesty are handled, are described in the FMU Student Handbook.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Francis Marion University prohibits the conduct listed below. Persons committing such acts are subject to appropriate action from the University. Students found responsible for committing violations are subject to sanctions that may include a written reprimand, loss of privileges, removal from campus residential facilities, restitution, educational sanctions, probation, suspension, expulsion, or other University sanctions and/or conditions.

University Violations

1. Drugs and Narcotics

- Use, possession of any drug or narcotic or distribution of drugs or the use of drugs for which the holder has no legal prescription, or other drug-related conduct that is a violation of South Carolina law. Such conduct is a University violation regardless of where it occurs on or off campus.
- Possession of drug-related paraphernalia unless it is proven allowable under South Carolina law.
- Being under the influence of a drug, chemical compound, or narcotic unless proven allowable under South Carolina law. This also includes the use of medicine prescribed to another person and other controlled substances.
- Sale, delivery, manufacture or distribution of any drug or narcotic or distribution of drugs for which the holder has no legal prescription.
- The misuse of common products for the intent of inducing or producing an altered state of consciousness and/or intoxication.

2. Alcoholic Beverages

- Use, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University property or during University activities. (Please refer to the "University Alcohol Policy and Housing Violations" for more details on alcohol issues.)
- Under the influence of alcoholic beverages on University property or during University activities. For purposes of this policy, a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater is conclusive evidence that a student is under the influence of alcohol, but a student's conduct, physical appearance, and other factors are also evidence. (Please refer to the "University Alcohol Policy and Housing Violations" for more details on alcohol issues.)
- Sale, delivery, manufacture or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University property or during University activities. (Please refer to the "University Alcohol Policy and Housing Violations" for more detail on alcohol issues.)
- The use of alcohol in any form is prohibited and includes: liquid, powder, gel, or any combination thereof for the purposes to consume, possess, distribute, or manufacture, regardless of proof level.

3. Actions Against the University Community and Members of the University Community

- Physical abuse or assault of any person.
- Other conduct which threatens the health or safety of any person, including oneself.
- Sexual misconduct that includes any inappropriate sexual conduct or conduct of a sexual nature directed toward another person that is unwanted, disparaging, or perceived to have a negative impact on the campus community, including