

Live the Honor Code Guideline for Facilitators

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Shared Experience: One of the Fall 2014 Shared Experiences for UT Austin students is to **Live the Honor Code**. All 360 Connections are required to discuss the university's honor code and the university's core values.

Shared Goal: Use this campus-wide shared experience as a platform for you to discuss the correlation between the university's **mission, honor code, core values**, and every individual's personal actions with the students in your connection. It is important to consider that we function not only as individuals in a society, but also as members of the UT Austin community. It is up to each of us to make a choice to uphold the core values of this institution and consider how we may each live our lives with integrity.

Presentation Aid: These resources can inform your discussion about what it means to **Live the Honor Code**.

UT Austin has a Mission Statement, Core Purpose and Values, and Honor Code:

<http://www.utexas.edu/about-ut/mission-core-purpose-honor-code>

The UT Austin community is comprised of a vast array of people and includes staff, faculty, and students. Each individual navigates the campus with his or her unique perspectives and goals; however, we are connected to one another through the mission of the university. This mission articulates the purpose for which we have come together.

Mission

The mission of The University of Texas at Austin is to achieve excellence in the interrelated areas of undergraduate education, graduate education, research and public service. The university provides superior and comprehensive educational opportunities at the baccalaureate through doctoral and special professional educational levels.

The university contributes to the advancement of society through research, creative activity, scholarly inquiry and the development of new knowledge. The university preserves and promotes the arts, benefits the state's economy, serves the citizens through public programs and provides other public service.

Core Purpose and Values

The **core purpose** articulates the central focus of the university in a succinct way:

To transform lives for the benefit of society.

The **core values** are the foundation of the honor code that the university works to instill in each member of the UT Austin community.

Learning - *A caring community, all of us students, helping one another grow.*

Discovery - *Expanding knowledge and human understanding.*

Freedom - *To seek the truth and express it.*

Leadership - *The will to excel with integrity and the spirit that nothing is impossible.*

Individual Opportunity - *Many options, diverse people and ideas, one university.*

Responsibility - *To serve as a catalyst for positive change in Texas and beyond.*

Student Honor Code

The **Honor Code** was created by students and implemented in 2004. The Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) of the Senate of College Councils works to bring a greater understanding and appreciation about the Honor Code to the campus. You can learn more about their work at their website: <http://utsenate.org/initiatives/integrity-ut/>

“As a student of The University of Texas at Austin, I shall abide by the core values of the University and uphold academic integrity.”

Honor Code video available to view with your 360 Connection:
<http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/honorcodevideo>

UT Austin also has a **University Code of Conduct** that addresses all members of the UT Austin community:

“The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.”

Bring the Mission Statement, Core Purpose and Values, and Honor Code to life through these events and resources:

1. **Leadership and Ethics Institute (LEI)** in the Office of the Dean of Students promotes effective leadership and citizenship through experiential learning, training, and resources. LEI is designed to serve undergraduate and graduate students, as well as the various departments within the University community. Visit their site <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/lei/about.php> to view all of their resources including handouts, worksheets, and a link to request a workshop or training for your connection: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/lei/resources.php>

2. **IntegrityUT Week** is hosted by the Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) of the Senate of College Councils and brings together students, professors, administrators, as well as business leaders to help cultivate a community dedicated to the core values. Encourage the students in your 360 Connection to participate in **IntegrityUT Week** this fall: **Oct. 20-24th.**
3. **Student Conduct and Academic Integrity**
<http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/studentconduct.php>
The importance of a student navigating their academic journey at UT Austin with academic integrity cannot be understated. The Office of the Dean of Students explains that academic integrity is critical to the educational mission of UT Austin. Visit their website to learn:
 - What exactly is academic dishonesty?
 - Tips for avoiding the severe consequences of academic dishonesty
 - Expectations and the student discipline process
 - Request a presentation on topics related to student conduct and academic integrity: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/presentationrequest.php>
4. **Avoid Plagiarism with information from Library Services:**
<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/instruction/avoidplagiarism.html>
Students may find themselves in a situation in which their academic integrity is being questioned and it involves plagiarism. UT Libraries works to educate staff and students on what plagiarism is and strategies to avoid it. Visit their website to access this information:
 - **All About Plagiarism Tutorial**
 - **Avoiding Plagiarism Classes:** sign up for a free class or view a recording of a past class
 - **Peer Mentor Training Manual:** use this presentation in your 360 Connection meeting to teach your students how to avoid plagiarism
 - **Undergraduate Writing Center Handouts:** information on paraphrasing, using and framing direct quotations
5. **FREE posters** showcasing the university's Core Values are available upon request. To request posters for your connection, please contact the First-Year Experience Office: 512-471-4421.