



The Spartan Code of Honor

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What is the Spartan Code of Honor?

The Spartan Code of Honor is a student initiative with the purpose to promote personal integrity inside and outside of the classrooms at Michigan State University. Upon full development, the Spartan Code of Honor will be a statement that describes a personal commitment to honest and ethical behavior. All undergraduate Spartans will be expected to uphold this initiative in its full extent beginning as a student in order to carry throughout the lifetime of an individual that graduates from Michigan State University.

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As Spartans, we will continually strive to hold ourselves to values of the highest ethical honor. As students, we will empower an atmosphere as future leaders to uphold honesty in our work, hold our peers accountable to the highest standard, and take pride that integrity is worth more than our grade. We pledge that these ethics will carry beyond our time as students at Michigan State University, fostering an improved recognition for personal best and integrity in our society.

The Goal

Implement a student-led initiative, the honor statement, to create a conscious awareness of ownership in original work. To that end, this will create unity amongst all undergraduate Spartans in the classroom, as expectations for submitting original work should be equal.



Implementation

The Spartan Code will serve as a preamble to the “Student Rights and Responsibilities”, a fitting introduction to the proper code of conduct that is required of all undergraduate Spartans. Then, professors will be recommended to directly implement this statement in their syllabi, creating a uniform statement across campus for understanding and upholding proper academic honesty.

The Spartan Code of Honor will be stickered on ASMSU bluebooks, printed on posters to be hung in residence halls and engagement center and other conspicuous areas for students. These posters will have other information at the bottom, including resource centers (i.e. neighborhood engagement centers) as well as other college-related tools to help students learn how to be a “Spartan of Honor.”

Additionally, Desire2Learn will be able to present a ‘checkbox’ displaying text along the lines of, *“I have adhered to the Spartan Code of Honor in my submitted work,”* additionally displaying a link to view the Spartan Code of Honor. This will allow for the creation of a conscious awareness for the student to abide by the statement before submitting papers and other original assignments.

Disciplinary action for the Spartan Code of Honor is consistent with current policies of student academic integrity violations. As the statement is a preamble to the existing disciplinary actions, its sole purpose is to sum up the component of academic integrity in the “Student Rights and Responsibilities” for which all undergraduate students are expected to follow.

Finally, the Spartan Code of Honor is going through Academic Governance with the understanding that the ASMSU Student Body President would be given the opportunity to speak at Freshman Convocation in the fall semester to speak to the values and personal best work ethic of a Spartan vis-à-vis the Spartan Code of Honor.