

Honor Code



PREAMBLE

Mines students believe it is our responsibility to promote and maintain high ethical standards in order to ensure our safety, welfare, and enjoyment of a successful learning environment. Each of us, under this Code, shall assume responsibility for our behavior in the area of academic integrity.

CODE

As a Mines student, I am expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic excellence and personal integrity regarding my schoolwork, exams, academic projects, and research endeavors. I will act honestly, responsibly, and above all with honor and integrity in all aspects of my academic endeavors at Mines. I will not misrepresent the work of others as my own, nor will I give or receive unauthorized assistance in the performance of academic coursework. I will conduct myself in an ethical manner in my use of the library, computing center, and all other school facilities and resources. By practicing these principles, I will strive to uphold the principles of integrity and academic excellence at Mines. I will not participate in or tolerate any form of discrimination or mistreatment of another individual.

The Colorado School of Mines Student Honor Code was written by students and adopted by the student body in April 2003.

Why was a Student Honor Code instituted?

The students of CSM wish to send the message that academic integrity is a value strongly held by the student body, and that graduates of CSM understand that integrity, and specifically academic integrity, is a critical component of an education in the professional disciplines of engineering, mathematics and the sciences. Such a code, initiated and developed by students, will help to uphold and enhance the already strong reputation of the institution, which will benefit graduates in a number of ways.

What happens if a student is accused of academic dishonesty?

If an instructor suspects a student of academic dishonesty, the instructor will notify the Student Judicial Panel (SJP) by email at SJP@mines.edu. The instructor will present the evidence s/he has regarding the student to the SJP. The SJP will then contact the student to notify him/her that s/he has been charged with an act of academic dishonesty. A hearing in front of the SJP will be scheduled as quickly as possible. At the hearing, the student will be given the opportunity to explain what happened and why the student does not believe it was an act of academic dishonesty. The SJP will examine all evidence and make a decision based on the evidence. If a student is found guilty, the SLP will hand down the punishment. A first offense generally carries a punishment of an “F” for the course – or a lesser punishment. A second offense carries a punishment of a mandatory “F” in the course and a one-year suspension from Mines that will be reflected on the student’s permanent record.

The SJP is made up of 5 voting members (justices) and 2-3 alternate members. If there is a conflict of interest between the accused student and a voting justice, an alternate justice will step forward for the proceedings. If a student is found guilty and would like to appeal the case, it will go before the Student Affairs Committee, a group consisting of the Student Body President, the four class presidents, and four faculty members.

We must not allow other people’s limited perceptions to define us.

- Virginia Satir