



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 beginning as a student in order to carry throughout the lifetime of a graduate from Michigan State University.

Proposed Honor Statement

"As Spartans, we will strive to uphold values of the highest ethical standard. As students, we will empower ourselves and our peers to practice honesty and to take pride in knowing that honor is worth more than grades. We will endeavor to carry these values beyond our time as students at Michigan State University, continuing to build personal and societal integrity."

The Goal

Implement the honor statement to begin an educational campaign for ethical ownership in original work. As a result, the Spartan Code of Honor will create unity amongst all undergraduate Spartans in the classroom, whereas expectations for submitting original work should be equal for and followed by all Spartans.



Disciplinary Actions

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.

Proposed Implementation Plan

SPRING 2016: The Spartan Code of Honor is voted on through academic governance to serve as a preamble to the “Student Rights and Responsibilities” in the preface, a fitting introduction to the proper code of conduct that is required of all undergraduate Spartans.

SUMMER 2016: The Spartan Code of Honor is stickered on ASMSU bluebooks, displayed on posters to be hung in residence halls, engagement centers and other conspicuous areas for students. These posters will have other information, 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,*” with 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.

FALL 2016: ASMSU recommends professors to directly implement this statement in their syllabi, creating a uniform statement across campus for understanding and upholding proper academic honesty. Finally, the Spartan Code of Honor would be a means for the ASMSU Student Body President to speak at Freshman Convocation in the fall semester. The purpose would be to speak to the values and personal best work ethic of a Spartan, as portrayed with the Spartan Code of Honor.