

UTC Honor Code Update

In January 2020 UTC adopted a new honor code that included a number of changes, including changes to the reporting of honor code violations. This document highlights important aspects of the honor code and process for reporting violations.

Honor Code Pledge

By enrolling at the university, all students affirm that they will follow the university honor code pledge, which states:

As a student of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, I pledge that I will not give or receive any unauthorized assistance with academic work or engage in any academic dishonesty in order to gain an academic advantage. I will exert every effort to insure that the Honor Code is upheld by myself and others, affirming my commitment to a campus-wide climate of honesty and integrity.

The honor code prohibits students from engaging in the following acts of academic dishonesty: cheating, plagiarism, falsification, fabrication, or misrepresentations, use of unauthorized materials, use of unauthorized assistance, gaining unfair advantage, causing unfair disadvantage, or attempting or assisting a violation.

Resolving an Honor Code Allegation

The new honor code **requires that faculty select one of the following ways** of resolving an alleged Honor Code violation:

Resolution by Formal Hearing

A formal hearing is a process for resolving charges of violations of the Honor Code in which the student is provided the opportunity to contest the charges through the presentation of evidence at a hearing before a fair and impartial decision-maker.

Resolution by Resolution Agreement (Waiver)

At any time during the Honor Code process, a faculty member may propose to the student to resolve allegations or charges of Honor Code violations by Resolution Agreement in lieu of a Formal Hearing. A proposed Resolution Agreement must be reduced to writing by the faculty member using the form provided by the Office of Student Conduct. The student may accept the proposed resolution and sanctions (if applicable) by signing the proposed Resolution Agreement. The Resolution Agreement will become binding and effective after it is signed by the student and the faculty member. The faculty member **must send** the fully-executed Resolution Agreement to the Office of Student Conduct within five (5) business days after the agreement has been fully executed.

Faculty must select one of the two options outlined above for resolving any academic integrity concern. If a faculty member attempts to resolve an honor code violation through another means, the student due process rights could be violated.

Reporting a Violation

To report an allegation of a violation of the Honor Code, faculty should complete the Honor Code Reporting Form available at:

www.utc.edu/hcreport

On this form a faculty member can indicate whether the matter will be resolved by formal hearing or by resolution agreement.

Faculty seeking to resolve the violation through a resolution agreement are required to complete a resolution agreement form available at:

<https://www.utc.edu/student-conduct/honorcode/resolutionagreement.php>

More Information

For more information:

Contact the Office of Student Conduct at 425-4301

Visit the Honor Code web page at <https://www.utc.edu/student-conduct/honorcode/index.php>

Read the Honor Code at <https://www.utc.edu/student-conduct/codes.php>