

Statement of Ethics, Professionalism, and Conduct of Psychology Students

Department of Psychology - University of Texas at Arlington

The Department of Psychology will not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty by students. Students are required to: 1) behave ethically; 2) acknowledge the work of others; 3) work alone and unassisted when it is required; 4) complete all work and examinations in an honest manner. Every student is expected to be intellectually honest and professionally ethical in all aspects of graduate work. Academic dishonesty, such as falsification of data or student records, plagiarism, collusion, or cheating on examinations will result in dismissal from the graduate program. All students are expected to know and understand the American Psychological Association and American Psychological Society publications on ethical principles in the conduct of research using online databases, human, and/or animal populations. Read the standards below, sign the document, and return it to the Department of Psychology Graduate Degree Plan Evaluator (or the appropriate Graduate Advisor). Additional copies of this statement can be obtained from the Department of Psychology.

Ethical Principles*

Principle A: Beneficence and Nonmaleficence - Psychologists strive to benefit those with whom they work and take care to do no harm. In their professional actions, psychologists seek to safeguard the welfare and rights of those with whom they interact professionally and other affected persons, and the welfare of animal subjects of research.

Principle B: Fidelity and Responsibility - Psychologists establish relationships of trust with those with whom they work. They are aware of their professional and scientific responsibilities to society and to the specific communities in which they work. They are concerned about the ethical compliance of their colleagues' scientific and professional conduct.

Principle C: Integrity - Psychologists seek to promote accuracy, honesty, and truthfulness in the science, teaching, and practice of psychology. In these activities psychologists do not steal, cheat, or engage in fraud, subterfuge, or intentional misrepresentation of fact.

Principle D: Justice - Psychologists recognize that fairness and justice entitle all persons to access to and benefit from the contributions of psychology and to equal quality in the processes, procedures, and services being conducted by psychologists.

Principle E: Respect for People's Rights and Dignity - Psychologists respect the dignity and worth of all people, and the rights of individuals to privacy, confidentiality, and self-determination. Psychologists are aware of and respect cultural, individual, and role differences, including those based on age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, and socioeconomic status and consider these factors when working with members of such groups.

Plagiarism ** - is the unacknowledged incorporation of another's work and/or writing into the work and/or writing that a student offers as his or her own. This includes making slight changes in wording, submitting another person's work as one's own, copying content from internet sources, or only citing material that is directly quoted.

Collusion** - is the unauthorized collaboration of another in preparing work that a student offers for credit.

Cheating on an examination** - includes (but is not limited to):

1. Copying from another's paper, any means of communication with another during an examination, giving aid to or receiving aid from another during an examination;
2. Using or attempting to use any material during an examination that is unauthorized by the instructor or proctor;
3. Taking or attempting to take an examination for another student or allowing another student to take or attempt to take an examination for oneself.
4. Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of an un-administered examination.

The Department of Psychology requires students to maintain high standards of Ethics, Professionalism, and Academic Integrity. Any student found to have committed ANY act in violation of these standards will receive failing grades (if applicable) and will be dismissed from the graduate program.

My signature below signifies that I have read and I understand the above Statement of Ethics, Professionalism, and Conduct of Psychology Students and I completely understand these standards and the Department of Psychology requirements for students.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Student name (printed): _____

Student ID number: _____

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** The Plagiarism, Collusion and Cheating sections of this document were taken from the UT-Arlington Division of Student Affairs office and from the College of Engineering's statement on Ethics, Professionalism, and Conduct of Engineering Students.