

WPU Honor Code Statements

Two versions are here submitted for consideration. The first version uses “I” and is proposed for inclusion in syllabi along with a reference to the Academic Integrity Policy. The inclusion of this version in syllabi is meant to stimulate a sense of personal responsibility in individual students. This version might also be included in the faculty/staff handbook.

The second version uses “we” and is proposed for inclusion on university web pages and other material that will be seen by potential students or active recruits. This version is meant to present a sense of the values held/shared by the university community.

1. The “I” Version:

As a member of the William Paterson University academic community, I agree to conduct myself with honesty and with professional demeanor in all academic and university-related activities. Through such conduct I will support an environment of learning and expression that is open, fair, and beneficial to all members of the academic community. Acknowledging this Honor Code, I accept responsibility for fulfilling my role as student, faculty, or staff with honest and professional conduct, and will support others in their commitment to do the same.

2. The “We” Version:

As members of the William Paterson University academic community, we agree to conduct ourselves with honesty and with professional demeanor in all academic and university-related activities. Through such conduct, we support an environment of learning and expression that is open, fair, and beneficial to all members of the academic community. Acknowledging this Honor Code, we accept responsibility for fulfilling our roles as students, faculty, or staff with honest and professional conduct, and will support others in their commitment to do the same.