

# APPENDIX I

## HONOR CODE

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As a student of Lexington Theological Seminary preparing for ministry in the church, I promise to hold myself and my colleagues to the highest ethical standards of intellectual integrity in all my academic and congregational work while taking courses at the Seminary. I promise that all assignments I complete for an instructor or fulfill in a congregation will be my own work and will be prepared within the parameters prescribed by the instructor.

I recognize that examples of dishonorable conduct that could result in failure of the assignment, failure of the course, or dismissal from the Seminary include, but are not limited to, the following acts:

1. Offering for course credit as my own work, in whole or in part, the work of another.
2. Plagiarism, that is, incorporating into my work passages, stories, or ideas taken either word for word or in substance from the work of another, unless I credit the original author and identify the original author's work with quotation marks, footnotes, or another appropriate written explanation. Plagiarism includes the use of copyrighted material in congregational settings (liturgy, preaching, Christian education) without proper permission. (For a full discussion of the Seminary's policy concerning plagiarism, see Appendix J.)
3. Offering for course credit my own work, but work that I have previously offered for course credit in another course, unless I secure permission to do so prior to submission from the instructor in whose course the work is being offered.
4. Offering for course credit work I prepared in collaboration with another, unless I have secured the instructor's permission in advance of submission. (A student does not prepare work in collaboration with another if he or she merely discusses with another a matter relevant to the work in question.)
5. Using, during an examination period, material I have not been authorized to use by the instructor giving the examination.
6. Taking an examination for another student or knowingly permitting another person to take an examination for me.
7. Giving, receiving, or obtaining information pertaining to an examination during an examination period, unless I have been authorized to do so by the instructor giving the examination.
8. Misrepresenting facts about myself or another in discussions, presentations, sermons, etc.

9. Failing to follow the instructions of a professor in completing an assignment or examination, if I should reasonably know that I would, by such conduct, obtain an unfair academic advantage.
10. Taking, without first reporting such fact to the appropriate faculty member, an examination about which I have unauthorized information, even though such information was obtained unintentionally.
11. Witnessing conduct which I should reasonably know is dishonorable and failing to report it to the appropriate instructor or academic dean.