

I will be responsible for my own academic progress and agree to comply with all University policies.

The University allows students to identify and achieve their academic goals by providing the information needed to plan the chosen program of study and the necessary educational opportunities, but students assume final responsibility for course scheduling, program planning, and the successful completion of graduation requirements. I will be responsible for seeking the academic and career information needed to meet my educational goals by becoming knowledgeable about the relevant policies, procedures, and rules of the University and academic program, by consulting and meeting with my adviser, and by successfully completing all of the requirements for graduation.

Easy Ways to Live the Principle:

- ✓ Come to class prepared, alert, and drug free;
- ✓ Get to know your academic advisor;
- ✓ Learn how to use Internet advising tools through eLion;
- ✓ Consult online catalog and course schedules;
- ✓ When in doubt, check out the resources below.

Resources:

Academic Information & Advising Center
Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS); 949-5281;

Undergraduate Degree Programs Bulletin

www.aa.psu.edu/advising/

eLion - elion.oas.psu.edu/

Your faculty or staff academic advisor;

Career Services - 949-5058

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Additional Resources:

Office of Student Life; 949-5064; (Student Organization Development)

www.aa.psu.edu/stulife/default.htm;

Office of Student Life; 949-5064; (Student Engagement & Leadership Development)

<http://www.aa.psu.edu/stulife/community.htm>;

Office of Residence Life; 949-5710;

www.aa.psu.edu/reslife/;

Campus Ministry;

<http://www.aa.psu.edu/equity/religious.htm>;

Penn State Code of Conduct -

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/procedures.shtml>;

Student Handbook -

<http://www.aa.psu.edu/stulife/handbook/Forward.htm>;

Rules & Policies for Student Organizations -

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/engage/studentorgs/pdf/PoliciesRules06-07.pdf>

Office of Health & Wellness; 949-5540;

(Disability Services)

<http://www.aa.psu.edu/healthwellness/disability/>

Office of Health & Wellness - 949-5540

(Health Services)

<http://www.aa.psu.edu/healthwellness/hservices/>

Learning Resource Center; 949-5112; (Tutoring Services)

www.psu.edu/dept/altoonalcrc/altlrc.html

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Living the Penn State Principles at Penn State Altoona

Here at Penn State Altoona, we embrace the Penn State Principles. As the Faculty Senate's Student Life Committee, we have created this brochure to provide additional information and resources for members of the Penn State Altoona community to use as they integrate these ideals into their everyday lives.

The Pennsylvania State University is a community dedicated to personal and academic excellence. The Penn State Principles were developed to embody the values that we hope our students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni possess. At the same time the university is strongly committed to freedom of expression. Consequently, these Principles do not constitute University policy and are not intended to interfere in any way with an individual's academic or personal freedoms. We hope, however, that individuals will voluntarily endorse these common principles, thereby contributing to the traditions and scholarly heritage left by those who preceded them, and will thus leave Penn State a better place for those who follow.

THE PENN STATE PRINCIPLES

I will respect the dignity of all individuals within the Penn State community.

The University is committed to creating and maintaining an educational environment that respects the right of all individuals to participate fully in the community. Actions motivated by hate, prejudice, or intolerance violate this principle. I will not engage in any behaviors that compromise or demean the dignity of individuals or groups, including intimidation, stalking, harassment, discrimination, taunting, ridiculing, insulting, or acts of violence. I will demonstrate respect for others by striving to learn from differences between people, ideas, and opinions and by avoiding behaviors that inhibit the ability of other community members to feel safe or welcome as they pursue their academic goals.

Easy Ways to Live the Principle:

- ✓ Treat everyone with respect and civility;
- ✓ Discourage racism, sexism, and bigotry;
- ✓ Look past stereotypes to the uniqueness of each person;
- ✓ Be tolerant of those different than yourself;
- ✓ Seek opportunities to socialize outside your group.

Resources:

Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity
949-5053 <http://www.aa.psu.edu/equity/>
Office of Student Life, 949-5064
Office of Student Life, 949-5064
Office of Judicial Affairs; 949-5065 (Acts of Intolerance)
Office of Business Services & Operations;
949-5093 (Sexual Harassment Claims, Faculty & Staff);
Division of Student Affairs; 949-5053 (Sexual Harassment Claims, Students) -
www.aa.psu.edu/hr/
Penn State Altoona's College Ombudsman
The Chair of the Liaison Commission for Women

I will practice academic integrity.

Academic integrity is a basic guiding principle for all academic activity at Penn State University, allowing the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest, and responsible manner. In accordance with the University's Code of Conduct, I will practice integrity in regard to all academic assignments. I will not engage in or tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation or deception because such acts of dishonesty violate the fundamental ethical principles of the University community and compromise the worth of work completed by others.

Easy Ways to Live the Principle:

- ✓ Be sure to give credit in your written work for all words and ideas of others, (*including information found on the Internet!*);
- ✓ Turn in only papers that you wrote;
- ✓ Be a true friend by encouraging others to do and turn in their own work;
- ✓ Collaborate only on those projects and assignments approved by your instructor;
- ✓ Turn in the same assignment in more than one class *only* if the instructor permits;
- ✓ Learn how to cite sources properly to avoid unintentional plagiarism;
- ✓ Communicate with your faculty member if you are having difficulty with an assignment;
- ✓ Do your own work on all quizzes & exams;
- ✓ Take pride in your own ideas and effort.

Resources:

Division of Undergraduate Studies; 949-5084;
www.aa.psu.edu/advising/
The University's Code of Conduct
<http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/procedures.shtml>
Altoona College's Academic Integrity Policy And Procedures
www.aa.psu.edu/academic/integrity.htm
Academic Affairs; 949-5282; (Grade Mediation)

I will demonstrate social and personal responsibility.

The University is a community that promotes learning; any behaviors that are inconsistent with that goal are unacceptable. Irresponsible behaviors, including alcohol or drug abuse and the use of violence against people or property, undermine the educational climate by threatening the physical and mental health of members of the community. I will exercise personal responsibility for my actions and I will make sure that my actions do not interfere with the academic and social environment of the University. I will maintain a high standard of behavior by adhering to the Code of Conduct and respecting the rights of others.

Easy Ways to Live the Principle:

- ✓ Learn and abide by all rules and regulations of the College and University;
- ✓ Prepare for and attend all scheduled class meetings and required events;
- ✓ Represent Penn State on and off campus with honor and dignity;
- ✓ Please remember that Penn State Altoona is a dry campus for all students;
- ✓ Lead by example.

Resources:

Health and Wellness Center; 949-5540;
www.aa.psu.edu/healthwellness/
University Police Services; 949-5222;
www.aa.psu.edu/police/
Office of Judicial Affairs; 949-5065;
www.aa.psu.edu/judicial/
Student Guide to General University Policies and Rules:
<http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/pdf/PoliciesRules.pdf>
Off Campus Misconduct Policy:
www.aa.psu.edu/judicial/misconduct.htm