

**HONOR CONSTITUTION**  
— OF THE —  
**STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**



**UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER**  
**ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**



# Honor Constitution of the Students Association

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The purpose of this Constitution is to establish in the University of Rochester, an Honor System which shall be conducted in accordance with the following articles:—

## ARTICLE I

*Section 1.* Within two weeks after the opening of the spring term of each year, a student committee shall be chosen to represent the student body, and to deal with all cases involving violations of the Honor System.

*Section 2.* Each group shall elect one upper classman upon this committee. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members of this Committee.

*Section 3.* The Chairman of this committee shall be chosen by the committee itself and such choice shall be made from its Senior members, unless no Senior members are then serving on the committee. The Chairman of this committee shall convene all meetings of the committee and preside at all investigations conducted by that body.

## ARTICLE II

### *Violations of the Honor System*

*Section 1. Examinations*—The following acts committed during any written class room work or examinations shall constitute violations of the Honor System :

(1) Any attempt to receive assistance from written or printed aids, or from any person or his papers, and any attempt to give assistance, in any manner whatsoever. These rules shall hold both within and without the examination room during the entire time in which the examination or test is in progress, that is, until the time set for the same has expired.

(2) If during the progress of any written class room work or examination a student detects a fellow student in violation of this Honor System, in preparation of his paper, he may before the close of the examination advise such student that his act has been discovered and that his paper must not be submitted. In cases

of this kind, no report need be made to the Honor Committee. However, if after warning has been given, the paper is submitted, he must place the matter in the hands of the Honor Committee.

*Section 2. Essays*—The presentation of any written college exercise such as theme, essay, etc., purporting to be original work, which incorporates the work of another without credit, shall constitute a violation of the Honor System.

*Section 3. Notebooks*—The presentation of a notebook containing material incorporating the work of another without acknowledgment shall constitute a violation of the Honor System.

*Section 4. Reporting of Violations*—The failure or refusal on the part of any undergraduate to report to the Honor Committee any violation of the Honor System, of which he has knowledge, except in such cases as are provided for in Section 1, Paragraph 2 of this article; shall constitute a violation of the Honor System.

## ARTICLE III

*Section 1.* (1) The penalty for the violation of Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 1, and Section 4, by a member of the Senior, Junior, or Sophomore classes, shall be a recommendation to the faculty of his permanent expulsion from college.

(2) The penalty for the violation of Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 1, and Section 4, by a member of the Freshman class, shall be a recommendation to the faculty of his suspension for a time to be determined by the Honor Committee.

(3) In case of violation of Article II, Sections 2 and 3, by a member of the Senior, Junior, or Sophomore classes, the Honor Committee shall render its decision according to the merits of the individual case. The minimum penalty for such violation shall be a recommendation to the faculty of his failure in the course: the maximum penalty shall be a recommendation to the faculty of his suspension for one year.

(4) In cases of violation of Article II, Sections 2 and 3, by a member of the Freshman class, the Honor Committee shall render its decision according to the merits of the individual case. The minimum penalty for such violation shall be a recommendation to the faculty of his failure in the course; the maximum penalty shall be a recommendation to the faculty of his suspension for one term.

*Section 2.* Affirmative votes of five (5) members of the Honor Committee shall in all cases be necessary for a conviction.

## ARTICLE IV

*Section 1.* The presence of the instructor in the examination room shall be optional with him.

*Section 2.* During an examination each student shall have perfect freedom of action and conversation, provided that he does not interfere with or annoy others.



## ARTICLE V

*Section 1.* At such time as this constitution shall be made operative, every student in the University shall be required to read the same and sign a declaration of acquiescence to said constitution.

*Section 2.* Freshmen and all others entering the University as students, shall be required to read said Constitution and make said declaration either upon or immediately after, matriculation.

## ARTICLE VI

*Section 1.* All proposed amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the Honor Committee, which body shall, after consideration of the same, cause the proposed amendment or amendments, together with the decision of the Committee, to be published in the "*Campus*" at least one week prior to the final vote by the student body. A four-fifths ( $4/5$ ) majority of the total ballots cast shall be necessary for the

adoption of such amendment or amendments.

## ARTICLE VII

*Section 1.* This Constitution shall be in force immediately upon its ratification by a four-fifths ( $4/5$ ) majority of the ballots cast.



