Commitment to Academic Integrity and Non-Academic Code of Conduct

Please carefully read both sides of this form and complete and sign where appropriate.

Founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1849, Austin College continues its relationship with the church and its commitment to a heritage that values personal growth, justice, community, and service. An Austin College education emphasizes academic excellence, intellectual and personal integrity, and participation in community life. Austin College reaffirmed, with the 1988-1989 revision of the judicial system, its commitment to the ideal of community membership, individual responsibility, common goals and expectations, and the highest standards of integrity.

The College Principle of Integrity
It is the responsibility of each individual to act with honesty and integrity in personal, social, and academic relationships, and with consideration and concern for the entire college community and its members. Individuals and groups should not engage in conduct that causes harm to other individuals or to the community as a whole.

Student Academic Integrity
In keeping with its educational mission, Austin College places a high value on academic integrity and does not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of abuse of the academic process. The faculty and officers of the college assume that entering students, in accepting admission to Austin College, are aware that they will submit themselves to a high standard of academic honesty, and agree to follow the norms and procedures by which the college observes and enforces this standard.

Students should be familiar with the statements on academic integrity as published in the student handbook, The Environment: austincollege.edu/environment

Your Response: Do you agree to abide by the concepts of individual and group responsibility expressed in the College Principle of Integrity and Student Academic Integrity Statement as summarized above and described in the student handbook?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Non-Academic Student Code of Conduct

Austin College is a community of persons committed to the welfare of fellow human beings. Central to that welfare is the basic tenet that values the rights of individuals and acknowledges that these rights should not infringe on the rights of others. Thus, the concepts of personal and community integrity should be of utmost concern to all members of the community.

This requires the commitment of students, and within that commitment, students should appropriately acknowledge violations of college rules and regulations and other actions that affect personal and community integrity of individuals and groups. Considerable importance is placed on every individual in this process, as the heart of community lies with each individual’s commitment to the entirety of the process. Without this commitment, the process cannot and will not effectively maintain the personal and community integrity of the institution.

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Non-Academic Student Code of Conduct (continued)

Austin College students bear the responsibility:
1. To act as mature, honest, and respectful members of the College community.
2. To present college identification to authorized college officials upon request.
3. To refrain from actions that deny other members of the community their rights.
4. To refrain from the use of force against another person or group, or personal abuse of another person.
5. To preserve the right to privacy of property of individuals, groups, the community, and the College itself.
6. To respect confidentiality of academic information about members of the Austin College community.
7. To observe all established College, local, state, and federal laws. Nothing in this document can affect in any way the jurisdiction of courts and other civil authorities over any Austin College student. Membership in the College community does not mean a privileged or immune status from the laws and regulations that other residents of Texas must obey.

Your Response: Do you agree to abide by the concepts of individual responsibilities expressed in the Non-Academic Student Code of Conduct as summarized above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

______________________________________  ___________________________________
Printed full name of student                  Social security number of student

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Signature of student                         Date

Complete versions of these policies and principles can be found in The Environment, the student handbook of Austin College.  austincollege.edu/environment