Introduction:

My perspective of the world has developed from the culture I grew up in, religion, as well as the education I received from my parents. All three played a crucial role in the morals and ethics that I’ve come to adopt over the years. The personal moral code that I’ve adopted has played a role in determining right and wrong in everyday decisions.   
 The social/cultural influences played a role in determining a broad framework of my ethics code. I think both culture and education are the most important during childhood when a child has not yet developed a sense of right and wrong. In my case, I grew up outside of the United States and education emphasized respect for those older than you, politeness, and patience among other things. Hence, I have an ethics code that may slightly differ from those from other countries.  
 I also acknowledge that an individual ethics code may vastly differ from a societal ethics code. An individual may have a completely different ethics code then that of their society. My parents helped develop my personal ethics code, and the societal ethics code served as a framework. My parents gave me a sense of right and wrong through teaching common principles such as claiming responsibility for my actions.

Framework for Code of Ethics:

The code of ethics is framed toward my current status as an individual, student, and future employee. I will neglect minimum conception of morality that is agreed across all societies and focus on ethics related to my personal values.

Code of Ethics

1. I will value and respect the lives of everyone
   1. I recognize that safety of an individual is a priority during any action. Thus, I will not do anything to harm or jeopardize the health of any individual.
   2. Health of other individuals are not limited to a physical context but a mental context as well. I will not purposely do actions that may potentially cause psychological damage to another individual as well.

Explanation: Safety is a priority in any situation. Individuals should not be able to decide the wellbeing of others. Hence, ensuring that your actions don’t cause harm is important.

1. I will claim responsibility for my actions, and not take responsibility for others.
   1. I will claim responsibility for the actions I’ve performed whether good or bad. I will not perform an action for which I cannot take responsibility for.
   2. I will also not unjustly claim responsibility for work I have not done.

Explanation: This is important in an academic context as it involves academic dishonesty. Individuals could cheat, or claim responsibility for work they haven’t done. In such case, an individual should take responsibility.

1. I will treat everyone with respect.
   1. I will not judge or discriminate based on appearance, race, or religion.
   2. I will treat everyone, to the best of my ability, equally.

Explanation: Discrimination, whether we knowingly do it or not, occurs frequently. Stereotypes and biases exist subconsciously as we make first impressions. I will remove all the biases and treat everyone with respect.

1. I will to the best of my ability make decisions with objectivism in crucial situations.
   1. This entails not only decisions to make as a student, but more importantly decisions that come with more responsibility.

Explanation: Although it is impossible to be completely object in situations that require objectivity, I will try to put aside biases. This is to ensure that decisions I make are fair.

1. I will behave professionally in the workplace or in school
   1. Professionalism entails adhering to the formal rules of the workplace or school, such as dress code or following the hierarchy in the workplace.
   2. I will be self-disciplined and manage attitude, and follow the organizations ethics code and policies.

Explanation: In the workplace it is important to act professionally to give mutual respect to others. This may involve obvious things such as not using cell phones during the meeting or following dress codes.

1. I will respect the privacy of others, and not disclose private information without consent
   1. I will not gossip in the workplace

Explanation: With more responsibility, we gain access to more information. This information may include private information of others that should be respected. The disclosure of such information without consent would not only be morally wrong but cause a bad work atmosphere.

1. I will continue to improve and develop expertise in my field.
   1. In any future occupation that I may take, I will continue to develop my skills
   2. I will not fall into incompetence due to arrogance

Explanation: This is important as it more expertise will generally lead to less probability of problems happening. With occupations that involve the safety of others this becomes more important.