



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

MEMORANDUM FOR USAFA FACULTY AND CADET WING

FROM: HQ USAFA/DF, HQ USAFA/CW, HQ USAFA/AD

SUBJECT: Academics with Honor Policy (Academic Year 2019-2020)

1. Honor is an individual and collective responsibility. It forms our character as Airmen, defines the bond of trust between us, and forms the bedrock of our profession. It means doing the right thing under the most difficult circumstances. As your leaders, we are committed to cultivating and sustaining a culture of honorable behavior. We ask for—and expect—your commitment as well.
2. Our expectations for the Cadet Wing are simple and straightforward. We expect you to document everything knowingly acquired and used from others on assignments submitted for credit. We expect you to know precisely what constraints exist concerning collaboration and use of outside sources. Certain graded events, such as graded reviews and exams, are placed under academic security. After completing such a graded event, you may not discuss anything about it (e.g., topics, specific questions, level of difficulty, etc.) until your instructor indicates you may do so. We are also concerned with a growing misuse of technology during graded reviews and exams. Individual departments are empowered to establish rules regarding the presence of computers, cell phones, and other electronic communication devices in the classroom. You are expected to adhere to these rules.
3. We expect faculty members to discuss these expectations on the first day of class and to facilitate dialogue about academic integrity and the Honor Code throughout the semester. Faculty members will make their academic security and collaboration policies clear and must not accept vague or missing documentation statements. We also expect instructors, in accordance with our USAFA instructions, to impose an academic penalty when cheating or plagiarism has occurred.
4. A commitment to honorable living does not end in the classrooms, squadrons, or athletic fields of USAFA. The Airmen you will soon lead in the operational environment will expect you to adhere to the highest standards of integrity. The time to internalize and demonstrate these values is now.

ANDREW P. ARMACOST  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Dean of the Faculty

MICHELE C. EDMONDSON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commandant of Cadets

NATHAN PINE  
Director of Athletics

Attachment:  
Academic Principles and Honor Guidance