

CODE OF HONOR

Southern Virginia University's culture of academic excellence and environment of faith are founded upon principles of truth, honor, and virtue. Living by these precepts illuminates the pathways of learning, unites the university community, and sustains our mission to prepare leader-servants. The Code of Honor consists of the Standards of Conduct, Dress and Grooming Standards, and the Residential Living Policy. As representatives of the university, we strive to look our best, act our best, and do our best.

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and abiding by the Code of Honor.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

We, as students of Southern Virginia University, live honest, chaste, and virtuous lives; abide by the law; and show respect for self and others in all we do. We internalize our core values of scholarship, discipleship, accountability, enthusiasm, and refinement in the quest to become leader-servants.

Honesty

We are honest in all our dealings. We do not lie, cheat, plagiarize, steal, or tolerate that behavior in others. We complete our own work and are evaluated based upon that work.

Chastity & Virtue

We behave in a chaste and virtuous manner, in accordance with the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We acknowledge that upholding the Dress and Grooming Standards and Residential Living Policy fosters virtuous living. In our efforts to become leader-servants, we refrain from acts of unchaste, sexually suggestive, immodest, or promiscuous behavior that detract from the Holy Spirit. We avoid entertainment that advocates immorality, profanity, or violence.

Obedience to the Law

We abide by local, state, and federal laws, in addition to university policies. We pay our debts on time, honor our contracts, and are good neighbors.

Self Respect

We treat ourselves with respect. We keep our bodies free of physical and spiritual pollutants (consistent with the Word of Wisdom of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, coffee, and tea. We do not use illegal or other harmful drugs, nor do we abuse medications.

Respect for Others

We show respect for other people, the university, and its facilities. We refrain from behavior and activities that disrupt or threaten the safety and peace of others or jeopardize the harmony of the university community.

DRESS AND GROOMING STANDARDS

Whether on or off campus we espouse the core value of refinement in our dress, grooming, and manners. Our outward appearance reflects our inner values.

Dress Standards

Clothing should be modest and appropriate for the occasion.

Grooming Standards

Men and women are to be clean and well-groomed. They are to avoid extremes in clothing, appearance, and hairstyle. Men are to be clean-shaven, although trimmed moustaches are permissible. Students are not to acquire tattoos or body piercings. Preexisting tattoos should be covered as much as is practical. If women have their ears pierced, they should wear only one pair of earrings. Men do not wear earrings.

Additional dress and grooming standards for specific settings may be required by faculty, coaches, or other university personnel.

HONOR PLEDGE

I accept the sacred trust placed in me to carry on Southern Virginia University's heritage of honor in my efforts to become a leader-servant. I freely pledge to abide by the Code of Honor in all of my conduct.