


*HONOR  
COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP*

*September 3, 2020*

# *Functions of the Honor Council*

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1. Educating the Student Body
  2. Investigating and Resolving  
Academic Misconduct  
Allegations
  3. Publication
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*2020-2021  
Honor  
Council*

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# Accessing the Honor Code

The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL [law.ua.edu/students/](http://law.ua.edu/students/). The page features a dark red header with the Alabama Law logo and navigation links for Admissions, Academics, Students, Alumni, Career Services, and LLM & JSD Programs. A left-hand navigation menu includes Semester & Scheduling, Law School Resources, Classes and Academics (highlighted), Policies, and Campus Resources. The main content area is titled "Policies" and contains three large buttons: "Student Handbook", "Honor Council" (which is highlighted with a red border), and "Student Questions & Concerns". Below these are two columns of smaller links: Academic Policies, Grading, Class Load, Compensated Work, and Disability Policy on the left; and Bar Admissions, Dropping and Adding, Class Attendance, Transcripts, Transferred Credit, and Withdrawal and Refund on the right. A "Campus Resources" section is partially visible at the bottom.

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### Campus Resources

# *Reporting Suspected Honor Code Violations*

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“Students, faculty members, and administrators **must** report suspected academic misconduct in violation of this Code to a member of the Honor Council for investigation and resolution by the Council.”

1. Contact a member of the Honor Council or
2. Email the Council:  
[honorcouncil@law.ua.edu](mailto:honorcouncil@law.ua.edu)

# *Student Ombudsperson*

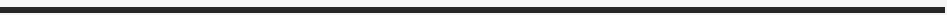
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- Assists any student with issues reported to the Council, including during any appeal
  - May seek advisory information from the Council involving the interpretation of the Honor Code
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# *Academic Misconduct*

“Academic misconduct includes  
all **acts of dishonesty** in any  
**academic matter.**”



# *Academic Matters*

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- “All activities related to coursework”
    - Drafts
    - Intermediate assignments or exercises
  - Non-classroom activities
    - Competition for journals, trial and appellate advocacy teams
    - Externships
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“This Code covers both intentional and non-intentional academic misconduct.”

“Tolerating or Facilitating such misconduct is a violation itself.”

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# *The Process*

**Report**

**Investigation**


- Witnesses
  - Students and Faculty
- Interview with Accused
- Document Review

**Decision**

**Appeal**

# *Potential Pitfalls*

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- Course Syllabi Policies
    - Falsifying Class Attendance
  - Exams
    - Proctoring requirements or software
    - Continuing to type after time expires
    - Consulting unauthorized materials during the exam
  - Papers/Projects
    - Unauthorized collaboration
    - Submissions of the same work in more than one course
    - Plagiarism
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# *General Rules to Avoid Plagiarism in Law School*

1. Acknowledge direct use of someone else's words.
2. Acknowledge any paraphrase of someone else's words.
3. Acknowledge direct use of someone else's idea.
4. Acknowledge an idea or conclusion that grows from someone else's work.

# *About Your Legal Writing Assignments*

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- Err on the side of too much attribution.
- Read your oath before you start.
  - Violating an oath is academic misconduct and subject to sanctions under the Honor Code.
- Ask your LW Professor!
  - Anonymity concerns? Ask Professor Head (or Professor Boone, if you're in Section 5 or 6).

# Nonacademic Misconduct

- Governed by the Student Handbook
  - Self-Reporting Requirements: page 38
    - “within a reasonable time, which usually will be within seven calendar days of the initial reportable incident”
    - Report in writing to the Dean of Academic Affairs  
Dean Grace Lee  
[glee@law.ua.edu](mailto:glee@law.ua.edu)
  - Reporting Nonacademic Misconduct of other students
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# *Professionalism and Non- Academic Misconduct*

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- Student Handbook
  - SBA Constitution and By-Laws
  
  - Professors as Recommenders
  - Affiants for State Bar applications
  - Classmates as your future colleagues
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# *QUESTIONS?*

EMAIL [ahead@law.ua.edu](mailto:ahead@law.ua.edu)

Don't forget to mark your attendance on the Google Doc sent by email.

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