



# Harvard College Honor Code

## **Motivation: Strengthening a Culture of Academic Integrity**

The proposed Honor Code for Harvard College recognizes and promotes the fact that learning and the advancement of knowledge depend on a commitment to honesty. We propose the adoption of an Honor Code to strengthen the dedication to academic integrity among all members of the College. We expect the Honor Code to stimulate serious and sustained discussion about academic integrity in our academic and residential communities: in academic departments, individual classrooms, the Houses, and the Yard. Adoption of an Honor Code is an important and explicit signal that the College understands excellence in scholarship as inseparable from excellence in character.

Under the Honor Code, students will be expected to make an Affirmation of Integrity, the nature and frequency of which will be determined by the Dean of Harvard College in consultation with the Committee on Academic Integrity and the Faculty Council. They will also be invited to serve on an Honor Board, making them equal partners in upholding the Honor Code.

## **Statement of Values, Honor Code, and Affirmation of Integrity**

### *Statement of Values*

Harvard College is an academic and residential community devoted to learning and the creation of knowledge. We – the academic community of Harvard College, including the faculty and students – view integrity as the basis for intellectual discovery, artistic creation, independent scholarship, and meaningful collaboration. We thus hold honesty – in the representation of our work and in our interactions with teachers, advisers, peers, and students – as the foundation of our community.

### *The Honor Code for Harvard College*

Members of the Harvard College community commit themselves to producing academic work with integrity – that is, work that adheres to the scholarly and intellectual standards of accurate attribution of sources, appropriate collection and use of data, and transparent acknowledgement of the contribution of others to our ideas, discoveries, interpretations, and conclusions. Cheating on exams or problem sets, plagiarizing or misrepresenting the ideas or language of someone else as one's own, falsifying data, or any other instance of academic dishonesty violates the standards of our community, as well as the standards of the wider world of learning and affairs.

### *The Affirmation of Integrity for Harvard College students*

I attest to the honesty of my academic work and affirm that it conforms to the standards of the Harvard College Honor Code.