

Student Handbook

Honor Code and Community Responsibility

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Guidelines for Community Responsibility

The following statement was adopted by the Mount Holyoke College faculty in April 1973:

The quality of life in a college such as Mount Holyoke relies on the conscious choice of students, staff, faculty, and administrators to commit themselves to honest and active participation in the creation and preservation of the College community. The decision to form such a community of scholars confers upon its members the special rights and responsibilities that allow the College to function most effectively. The very act of choosing to become a member of the Mount Holyoke community implies a commitment to

The privileges and responsibilities of the community must embrace both academic and social life at Mount Holyoke. Guidelines only suggest the scope of community responsibility; effective functioning of the College community rests ultimately on the personal integrity of each of its members.

Being a member of this community is a privilege; sharing in the maintenance of this community is a responsibility. The Mount Holyoke College community believes in the necessity of maintaining an environment in which every individual may pursue the lifestyle of their choice. Toward this end, it is the

free inquiry, a search for understanding as central to the liberal arts education, and a willingness to share in the responsibility for maintaining an environment in which these goals may be attained. Should an individual fail to assume such responsibility incumbent upon them, the community itself, through its officially constituted bodies, must take action.



community’s responsibility to protect individual rights, and it is the responsibility of every member of this community to respect the rights, opinions, beliefs, and feelings of others. Each member of the Mount Holyoke community is expected to treat all individuals with a common standard of decency. Discrimination by any member of the Mount Holyoke community will not be tolerated.

Community members are drawn together by a common desire to further understanding of the world, each other, and ourselves. Every member is encouraged to explore the opportunities and challenges that this unique institution provides and is expected to share in the responsibility of maintaining an environment guided by mutual respect and understanding.

Community Responsibility and Student Conduct Code

The Honor Code	Code of Conduct	Code of Conduct Specific Provisions	Student Groups and Organizations
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Upon matriculation, each student brings a wide variety of experiences, hopes and goals to Mount Holyoke College. These backgrounds create and continually shape communal goals and ideals. The honor code is the hallmark of life together at Mount Holyoke College. Simply stated, it means that each student is responsible for maintaining their own integrity and the integrity of the Mount Holyoke community. While broad in its applications, it provides a guideline for decision making that holds each student to principles of good conduct toward themselves and others.

While this code of honor allows for a significant degree of individual freedom, the definition of a general framework of values is necessary. In choosing to live by a social honor code, students agree to integrate the following standards into the College’s definition of personal honesty as outlined in the following interpretation of the code:

Responsibility: Though each student's individual conception of responsibility is unique, the College trusts that every student will demonstrate ownership of their actions and will recognize the ways in which their actions affect their peers, the College, and the greater community. Each student maintains the ability to express themselves with integrity, which is crucial to the development of a community that is personally challenging, both intellectually and socially.

Honesty: A sense of honesty is fostered by the individual's ability to express themselves in a candid and forthright manner.

Respect: Respecting themselves and others requires that every individual maintain the integrity of their own values, while acting in a way that is careful and considerate of others. In the College community, mutual respect can be obtained only by valuing free inquiry, respect for difference, and intellectual honesty.

The values framework embodied in Mount Holyoke College Honor Code is reflected in the Code of Conduct and the Academic Policies and Procedures, the College's Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Policy and Procedures, and the Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures set forth before. The Mount Holyoke College Honor Code assumes adherence to the rules and regulations of the College, which are designed to promote intellectual and social pursuits and to ensure personal safety. In addition, the College protects and upholds civil rights, and is committed to an inclusive and diverse community. A Mount Holyoke student demonstrates their respect for individual freedom by conducting themselves with maturity and honor, and by showing due concern for the welfare of other members of the community.

Alleged violations of the honor code, including the *Code of Conduct*, academic policies and procedures, the College's Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Policy and procedures, as well as Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment policy and procedure matters will be adjudicated as outlined below using the procedures specific to those violations.

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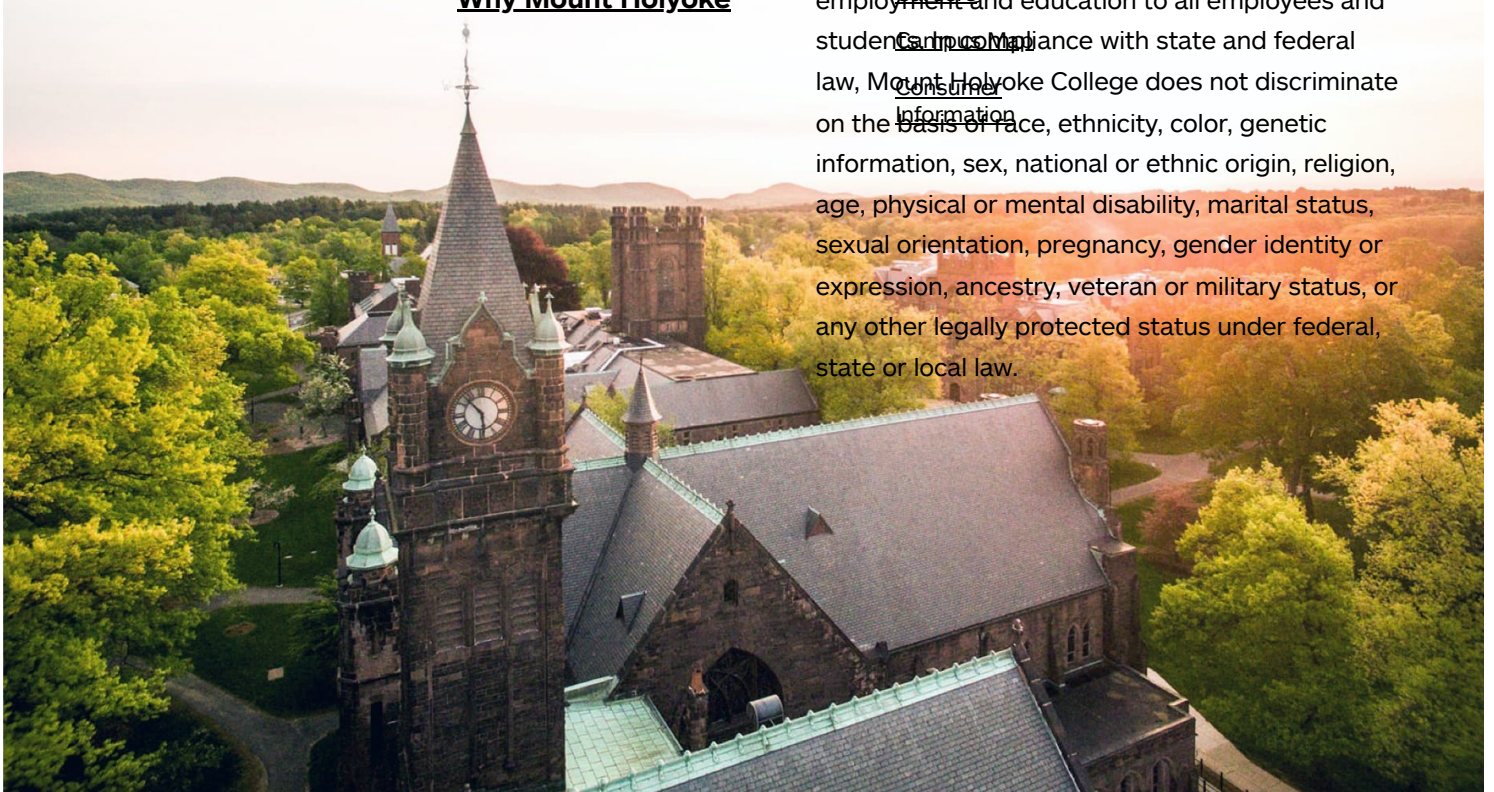


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