

HONOR CODE FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

Bethune-Cookman University is founded on and practices Christian principles, moral and ethical behavior, and total commitment to educational excellence. As an affiliate of The United Methodist Church, the University expects its students to uphold and exhibit the highest standards of conduct and behavior at all times. Our statement on **Human Worth and Dignity** is included in the **Statement on Ethics and Values**.^{*} Students are held accountable for their behavior and are expected to respect themselves and others whether on the University grounds or in the community. Expectations in specific areas of Bethune-Cookman University life are addressed below:

Dress Code

At Bethune-Cookman University, students should dress in a way that shows respect for not only themselves, but all other students. We believe that Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune would expect students attending her university to dress in such a way that would uplift their race, culture and professionalism. In order to achieve this code, female students should not:

- wear tops that show their mid-drifts or sleeveless men's undershirts
- wear skirts that do not meet the "finger-tip test"
- wear anything that may cause a disturbance to the learning environment
- wear pajamas outside of the dormitory

Additionally, male students should not:

- wear pants below their waistline, showing underwear
- wear any head coverings inside buildings (hats or "do-rags")
- wear sleeveless undershirts to class or in the cafeteria
- wear pajamas outside of the dormitory

Classroom Conduct

The classroom is the place where students go to learn. It is imperative that the behavior in the classroom does not disturb the process of learning. It is important that every student respect rules set forth for all classes and the professor. Cell phones must be placed in the silent mode or turned completely off.

Students displaying rude and disrespectful behavior towards any member of the faculty or staff will be subject to disciplinary action.

Sexual Behavior on Campus

Bethune-Cookman University reserves the right to define and limit what constitutes non-acceptable sexual behavior on its campus. Sexual activity which disrespects others and violates common decency is prohibited throughout the entire campus. Students must refrain from engaging in sexual activities that in any way disrespects the legacy of our founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

Safety and Security

Students must not engage in any activities that will bring harm and/or disrespect to the University. Students are expected to display and present, if necessary, ID badges at all times when on campus.

Behavior at Public Gatherings and Assemblies

When a person enrolls in a university, it is expected that they have learned what is considered acceptable behavior in public gatherings. There is no excuse for any university student to act in an uncivilized manner in any assembly. Being respectful and attentive to all speakers throughout a program is a must. At Bethune-Cookman University, any disrespectful behavior exhibited during public gatherings or assemblies (i.e., inappropriate talking, yelling, walking out, using cellular devices, eating or drinking, etc.) will result in immediate removal from the assembly and disciplinary action.

^{*}**Statement on Ethics and Values** is printed in the current University Catalog, page 19 (see reverse side of this page).

Violation of any part of this policy may result in a required appearance before the University Honor Court and/or the Disciplinary Review Committee.

Signing the Honor Code for Student Conduct is a requirement for admission to the University. Compliance with this Honor Code is required throughout enrollment at Bethune-Cookman University.



Honor Code for Student Conduct Signatures

All accepted students, as well as parents of students under the age of 18, must sign and return this page, in the postage-paid envelope provided. This document must be submitted prior to enrollment at Bethune-Cookman University. Compliance with the Honor Code for Student Conduct is necessary throughout enrollment at Bethune-Cookman University.

THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY HONOR CODE FOR STUDENT CONDUCT.

I, _____, have read and reviewed the **HONOR CODE FOR STUDENT CONDUCT** with my parent/guardian and fully understand its content.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____

I have reviewed the **BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY HONOR CODE FOR STUDENT CONDUCT** with my son/daughter and fully understand its content.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____