

Frequencies (Count and Percent)

Honor Survey 2012

	Count	Percent
When was the first time you heard about the University's Honor System?		
As a prospective student (before applying to UVA)	879	51.34 %
During the application process	222	12.97 %
During summer orientation	345	20.15 %
In your first semester	217	12.68 %
After your first semester	9	0.53 %
I have never heard about the Honor System and policies	3	0.18 %
I do not remember the first time I heard about the Honor System and policies	37	2.16 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %
Have you participated in a conversation, either formally or informally, about the Honor System or the Honor Committee this year?		
(Not Answered)	14	0.82 %
Yes	1133	66.18 %
No	565	33.00 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %
What was the subject matter of your most recent conversation about the University's Honor System? (Please check all that apply)		
(Not Answered)	581	19.58 %
Racial Concerns	66	2.22 %
Legal Concerns	77	2.60 %
Personal experience with the Honor System	210	7.08 %
The single sanction	405	13.65 %
Opinion of the Honor System	652	21.98 %
Reporting in the Cavalier Daily or other publications	139	4.68 %
Representative elections or referendum	137	4.62 %
Whether or not a certain act is considered an Honor offense	548	18.47 %
Support officer participation	66	2.22 %
Other (please describe)	86	2.90 %
Total Responses	2967	100.00 %

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What is the most effective means by which you have learned about the University's Honor System and policies?		
(Not Answered)	7	0.41 %
Formal presentations (such as Orientation and Convocation)	653	38.14 %
Professor's discussions about Honor in his or her classroom	373	21.79 %
Within student organizations	52	3.04 %
Conversations with your peers	458	26.75 %
Honor-sponsored events and forums (such as tabling on the Lawn, panel discussions, Honor awareness week, etc.)	56	3.27 %
I never hear about Honor	38	2.22 %
Other (please describe)	75	4.38 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

After orientation, did you feel you had a good understanding of the University's Honor System?

(Not Answered)	22	1.29 %
I felt I completely understood the Honor System	519	30.32 %
I felt I understood most parts of the Honor System	1056	61.68 %
I did not feel I had a good understanding of the Honor System	115	6.72 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

Have you attended an Honor education event (e.g. Mock trials, Dorm talks, Orientation program, Committee Representative talks, Plagiarism talks, etc.)

(Not Answered)	4	0.23 %
Yes	629	36.74 %
No	867	50.64 %
Unsure	212	12.38 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

In general, how do you feel about the Honor System at the University of Virginia?

(Not Answered)	5	0.29 %
Very negative	39	2.28 %
Somewhat negative	156	9.11 %
Neutral	242	14.14 %
Somewhat positive	565	33.00 %
Very positive	705	41.18 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

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In general, how do you feel about the effectiveness of the Honor System in discouraging acts of lying, cheating, and stealing within the University community?

(Not Answered)	2	0.12 %
Very ineffective	88	5.14 %
Somewhat ineffective	167	9.75 %
Neutral	228	13.32 %
Somewhat effective	810	47.31 %
Very effective	417	24.36 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

Has your impression of the Honor System changed during your time here at the University?

(Not Answered)	2	0.12 %
Yes, it has become more positive	287	16.76 %
Yes, it has become more negative	359	20.97 %
No, it has not changed	1064	62.15 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

You stated that your impression of the Honor System has changed, why do you think it has changed? (Please check all that apply)

(Not Answered)	1068	41.93 %
Personal experience with the system	162	6.36 %
See many offenses go unreported	204	8.01 %
News coverage of the system	69	2.71 %
Opinion coverage of the system by student or other media	98	3.85 %
Referendum campaigns before student election	14	0.55 %
Taking the Honor and Ethics seminar	9	0.35 %
Talking with other students about the system	360	14.13 %
Attended an education event on the Honor System	27	1.06 %
I do not feel trusted not to lie, cheat, or steal by faculty, students, or community members	93	3.65 %
Experience with faculty or professors	173	6.79 %
My opinion of the Honor Committee sanctioning system (the single sanction) has changed	160	6.28 %
I have served as a student juror for an Honor trial	28	1.10 %
Other (please describe)	82	3.22 %
Total Responses	2547	100.00 %

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The Honor System is currently student-run. Under what authority do you feel the system would best operate?		
(Not Answered)	14	0.82 %
The current student-run system	1035	60.46 %
Primarily student-run with some faculty or administrative participation	574	33.53 %
Primarily faculty or administrative run with some student participation	74	4.32 %
An entirely faculty- or administrative-run system	15	0.88 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

Do you feel you are afforded benefits or privileges due to the existence of the Honor System at the University?

(Not Answered)	3	0.18 %
Yes, many	567	33.12 %
Yes, a few	758	44.28 %
No	384	22.43 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

**Which of the following benefits or privileges have you received?
(Check all that apply)**

(Not Answered)	390	5.80 %
Take unproctored exams	903	13.42 %
Take exams outside the classroom or at home	1025	15.24 %
Write checks to local merchants	84	1.25 %
Bring your backpack and other items into the University Bookstore	930	13.82 %
Reschedule exams and other deadlines with your word alone	583	8.67 %
Vouch for a student without his or her ID in order to enter a University facility	500	7.43 %
Leave items unattended in University public spaces without fear of theft	969	14.40 %
Have lost items returned	565	8.40 %
Take out a short-term Honor Loan	63	0.94 %
Trust the word of fellow students	688	10.23 %
Other (please describe)	27	0.40 %
Total Responses	6727	100.00 %

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As a student, would you report an Honor offense if you witnessed an act of lying, cheating, or stealing?		
(Not Answered)	8	0.82 %
Yes	413	42.27 %
No	41	4.20 %
It would depend on the person involved	189	19.34 %
Not sure	273	27.94 %
Other (please describe)	53	5.42 %
Total Responses	977	100.00 %

Which, if any, of the following factors might deter you from reporting an Honor offense against a student you believe to have committed an Honor offense? (Please check all that apply)

(Not Answered)	58	1.41 %
Uneasiness about the possibility of the student being dismissed from the University	1042	25.25 %
I do not believe in the Honor System	43	1.04 %
A personal relationship with the person committing the offense	928	22.49 %
Reporting and following through with a case is too time-consuming	446	10.81 %
I do not believe in the single sanction	388	9.40 %
If I do not believe the offense is serious enough	1128	27.34 %
Other (please describe)	93	2.25 %
Total Responses	4126	100.00 %

How do you believe most of your friends would respond if they witnessed or discovered an act of lying, cheating, or stealing?

(Not Answered)	14	0.82 %
They would report the student to the Honor System	141	8.24 %
They would report the student to the professor or teaching assistant	551	32.18 %
They would not report the student	494	28.86 %
Not sure	512	29.91 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

Do you believe you have witnessed or are aware of an Honor offense?

(Not Answered)	5	0.29 %
Yes	295	17.23 %
No	1020	59.58 %
Unsure	392	22.90 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

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Did you report the offense to the Honor Committee?		
(Not Answered)	1420	82.94 %
Yes	14	0.82 %
No	233	13.61 %
I reported the offense to a professor or teaching assistant rather than the Honor Committee	45	2.63 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

Do you believe you have committed an Honor offense while a student at the University? (Remember your answer is completely confidential)

(Not Answered)	3	0.18 %
Yes	81	4.73 %
No	1421	83.00 %
Maybe	207	12.09 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

How informed do you feel about the Honor System's procedure for investigating and trying Honor offenses?

(Not Answered)	10	0.58 %
Not at all informed	541	31.60 %
Somewhat informed	1011	59.05 %
Very informed	150	8.76 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

The Honor System currently has a policy of conscientious retraction; any student can admit an act of lying, cheating, or stealing before being under suspicion of the act by anyone, and make full amends to the offended parties, with such actions serving...

(Not Answered)	3	0.18 %
Yes, I am familiar with this policy	604	35.28 %
Yes, I am somewhat familiar with this policy	574	33.53 %
No, this was the first time I heard of a conscientious retraction	531	31.02 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

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The Honor System currently has a single sanction; any student who is found guilty of knowingly committing a significant act of lying, cheating, or stealing is asked to leave the University. How do you feel about this sanction?		
(Not Answered)	4	0.23 %
I fully support the single sanction	241	14.08 %
I support the sanction with some reservations	801	46.79 %
I do not support the single sanction	481	28.10 %
Unsure	154	9.00 %
Other (please describe)	31	1.81 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

If the Honor System changed the single sanction to a multiple sanction system, what effect do you think that would have on discouraging Honor offenses?

(Not Answered)	13	0.76 %
The Honor System would be more effective at discouraging acts of lying, cheating, or stealing	509	29.73 %
The Honor System would be less effective at discouraging acts of lying, cheating, or stealing	674	39.37 %
It would not have an impact on discouraging acts of lying, cheating, or stealing	516	30.14 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

If the Honor system changed to a multiple sanction system, what effect do you think that would have on the reporting of an Honor offense?

(Not Answered)	11	0.64 %
More individuals would be willing to report an Honor offense	1354	79.09 %
Fewer individuals would be willing to report an Honor offense	67	3.91 %
It would not have an impact on the reporting of an Honor offense	280	16.36 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

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What do you believe the effect of an informed retraction policy would be on discouraging Honor offenses?		
(Not Answered)	17	0.99 %
The Honor System would be more effective at discouraging acts of lying, cheating, or stealing	823	48.07 %
The Honor System would be less effective at discouraging acts of lying, cheating, or stealing	279	16.30 %
It would not have an impact on discouraging acts of lying, cheating, or stealing	593	34.64 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %
What do you believe the effect of an informed retraction policy would be on the reporting of an Honor offense?		
(Not Answered)	17	0.99 %
More individuals would be willing to report an Honor offense	1154	67.41 %
Fewer individuals would be willing to report an Honor offense	85	4.96 %
It would not have an impact on the reporting of Honor offenses	456	26.64 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %
How would a system that included an informed retraction option affect your likeliness to commit an act of lying, cheating, or stealing?		
(Not Answered)	18	1.05 %
I would be much more likely to commit an act of academic or personal dishonesty	44	2.57 %
I would be somewhat more likely to commit an act of academic or personal dishonesty	104	6.07 %
I would be somewhat less likely to commit an act of academic or personal dishonesty	56	3.27 %
I would be much less likely to commit an act of academic or personal dishonesty	58	3.39 %
It would not change how I acted or my likeliness to commit an act of personal or academic dishonesty	1432	83.64 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

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How would a system that included an informed retraction option affect your willingness to report an Honor offense?		
(Not Answered)	14	0.82 %
I would be much more willing to report an Honor offense	342	19.98 %
I would be somewhat more willing to report an Honor offense	718	41.94 %
I would be somewhat less willing to report an Honor offense	49	2.86 %
I would be much less willing to report an Honor offense	10	0.58 %
It would not affect my willingness to report an Honor offense	579	33.82 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the Honor System is fairly implemented to all students, regardless of race, gender, national origin, or athletic status?

(Not Answered)	6	0.35 %
Strongly disagree	73	4.26 %
Disagree	193	11.27 %
Neutral	596	34.81 %
Agree	519	30.32 %
Strongly agree	325	18.98 %
Total Responses	1712	100.00 %

You disagreed that the Honor System is implemented fairly, in what way do you think some groups of students are treated unfairly? (Please check all that apply)

(Not Answered)	1448	74.03 %
Some groups of students are reported more often	167	8.54 %
Some groups of students are reported less often	121	6.19 %
Some groups of students are found guilty of an Honor offense more often	108	5.52 %
Some groups of students are found guilty of an Honor offense less often	70	3.58 %
Unsure	23	1.18 %
Other (please describe)	19	0.97 %
Total Responses	1956	100.00 %

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If you are an international student, have you had any of the of the following concerns regarding the Honor System? (Please check all that apply)		
(Not Answered)	1355	76.04 %
There are cultural norms that make it more difficult to understand the system	82	4.60 %
Language barriers prevented me from learning about the Honor System	34	1.91 %
Language barriers prevented me from talking about the Honor System	42	2.36 %
I feel I do not understand the Honor System	20	1.12 %
I have not had any concerns about the Honor System	202	11.34 %
Other (please describe)	47	2.64 %
Total Responses	1782	100.00 %

As a student, would you report an Honor offense if you witnessed an act of lying, cheating, or stealing? (this is the original question form, it was changed about 3 days into the field period to add an 'other (please describe)' answer)**

(Not Answered)	3	0.41 %
Yes	304	41.36 %
No	42	5.71 %
It would depend on the person involved	183	24.90 %
Not sure	203	27.62 %
Total Responses	735	100.00 %