

Honor System Survey Data 2000

Approximately how much time each day, on average, do you spend reading the Cavalier Daily?

(Choose one)

- More than 60 minutes (1.2%)
 - 31-60 minutes (2.3%)
 - 16-30 minutes (12.7%)
 - 6-15 minutes (31.0%)
 - 1-5 minutes (32.9%)
 - I do not read the Cavalier Daily at all (19.9%)
- Missing: 0.3%

Do you vote in University elections?

(Choose one)

- Yes, always (8.3%)
- Yes, sometimes (32.4%)
- No, never (32.6%)
- This is my first year at U.Va. and I have not yet had an opportunity to vote (22.6%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (4.1%)

Are you involved in any student organizations on-Grounds?

(Choose one)

- Yes, I am heavily involved. (19.7%)
- Yes, I am somewhat involved. (45.8%)
- No, I am not involved at all. (30.7%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (4.1%)

In general, how do you feel about student government (i.e., Student Council, the Judiciary Committee, IFC, ISC, etc.) at the University of Virginia?

(Choose one)

- Very Positive (11.6%)
- Somewhat Positive (31.3%)
- Neutral (36.9%)
- Somewhat Negative (8.8%)
- Very Negative (2.7%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (8.7%)

What types of organization(s) are you involved with? (Choose as many as apply.)

(Choose all that apply)

- Fraternity/sorority (21.7%)
- Athletics/Intramural sports (39.0%)
- Residence Life (6.8%)
- Student Government (ie., Student Council, Honor, Judiciary) (12.4%)
- Volunteer Activities (57.0%)

- Academic Club (21.4%)
- Student Publications (10.2%)
- Religious Organizations (20.3%)
- Minority Student Organization (15.6%)
- Honor Society (14.4%)
- Debating Society (3.7%)
- Other (26.9%)

How do you think the majority of students feel about the effectiveness of the Honor System in dealing with cases of academic and personal dishonesty?

(Choose one)

- Very Positive (10.0%)
- Somewhat Positive (40.8%)
- Neutral (18.3%)
- Somewhat Negative (21.0%)
- Very Negative (2.7%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (8.7%)

How do your friends and acquaintances feel?

(Choose one)

- Very Positive (12.1%)
- Somewhat Positive (34.6%)
- Neutral (19.5%)
- Somewhat Negative (20.3%)
- Very Negative (5.3%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (8.2%)

How do you feel about it?

(Choose one)

- Very Positive (18.0%)
- Somewhat Positive (38.1%)
- Neutral (20.8%)
- Somewhat Negative (15.9%)
- Very Negative (5.1%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (1.4%)

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

(Choose one)

- Yes, it has improved. (16.4%)
- Yes, it has declined. (34.6%)
- No, it has not changed. (42.8%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (6.2%)

Why do you think it has changed?

(Choose all that apply)

- Personal experience with the system (25.2%)*
- I see many offenses go unreported. (40.2%)*
- Publicity about the Honor System. (37.5%)*
- Taking the Honor & Ethics seminar.(1.9%)*
- Talking with other students about the System. (58.2%)*
- Attended an educational event. (4.2%)*
- I do not feel trusted. (19.0%)*
- My opinion of the single sanction has changed. (15.9%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (3.1%)*
- Other (21.6%)*

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

(Choose one)

- Yes, many (24.9%)*
- Yes, a few (56.1%)*
- No (15.6%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (3.5%)*

Which of the following benefits or privileges do you feel you have received? The opportunity to:

(Choose as many as apply)

- Take unproctored exams. (79.5%)*
- Take exams outside the classroom or at home. (77.3%)*
- Write checks to local merchants. (38.5%)*
- Bring your backpack and other items into the University bookstore. (74.0%)*
- Reschedule exams and other deadlines with your word alone. (41.4%)*
- Vouch for a student without his or her ID in order to enter a University facility. (31.4%)*
- Leave items unattended in University public spaces without fear of theft. (53.4%)*
- Have lost items returned. (23.1%)*
- Trust the word of fellow students. (35.8%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (0.2%)*
- Other (3.8%)*

As a student, would you initiate an Honor case if you witnessed a clear Honor violation?

(Choose one)

- Yes (34.7%)*
- No (15.3%)*
- Would depend on the person involved (27.6%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (22.4%)*

Would any of the following factors deter you from initiating an Honor case?

(Choose all that apply)

- Uneasiness about possibly causing the dismissal of another student. (55.6%)*
- Fear of legal reprisal or other legal problems. (33.0%)*
- I do not believe in the Honor System generally. (5.9%)*
- A personal relationship with the person committing the offense. (60.3%)*
- Reporting and following through with a case is too time-consuming. (30.5%)*
- I do not believe in the single sanction. (17.8%)*
- The seriousness of the offense. (60.5%)*
- I would prefer not to get involved. (27.1%)*
- None of the above (4.1%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (2.9%)*
- Other (4.2%)*

Have you participated in a conversation about the Honor System or the Honor Committee this semester?

(Choose one)

- Yes (64.6%)*
- No (35.4%)*

What was the subject matter of the most recent conversation?

(Choose all that apply)

- Racial concerns (20.5%)*
- Legal concerns (22.4%)*
- Personal experiences with the Honor System (46.9%)*
- The single sanction (24.8%)*
- Random student jury panels (15.4%)*
- The Honor pledge (36.7%)*
- Reporting in the Cavalier Daily or other publication (20.6%)*
- Representative elections or referendum (5.0%)*
- Whether or not a certain act is considered an Honor offense (53.0%)*
- Support officer participation (4.2%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (1.5%)*
- Other (14.9%)*

How would you describe the general tone of that conversation?

(Choose one)

- Very Positive (6.9%)*
- Somewhat Positive (21.8%)*
- Neutral (26.4%)*
- Somewhat Negative (31.0%)*
- Very Negative (12.3%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (1.6%)*

Have you overheard a conversation about the Honor System or the Honor Committee this semester?

(Choose one)

- Yes (37.1%)
- No (62.9%)

What was the subject matter of the most recent conversation which you overheard?

(Choose all that apply)

- Racial concerns (24.9%)
- Legal concerns (25.8%)
- Personal experiences with the Honor System (26.6%)
- The single sanction (22.9%)
- Random student jury panels (13.9%)
- The Honor pledge (26.4%)
- Reporting in the Cavalier Daily or other publication (25.9%)
- Representative elections or referendum (2.4%)
- Whether or not a certain act is considered an Honor offense (34.5%)
- Support officer participation (3.6%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (9.8%)
- Other (15.9%)

How would you describe the general tone of that conversation?

(Choose one)

- Very Positive (3.8%)
- Somewhat Positive (11.7%)
- Neutral (24.7%)
- Somewhat Negative (36.9%)
- Very Negative (16.8%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (6.1%)

The Honor System currently has a single sanction; any student who is found guilty of an intentional serious act of lying, cheating, or stealing is asked to leave the University. How do you feel about this sanction?

(Choose one)

- I fully support the single sanction. (19.5%)
- I support the single sanction with some reservations. (55.2%)
- I do not support the single sanction at all. (17.7%)
- Not sure/Not applicable (4.3%)
- Other (3.3%)

Do you agree or disagree that open toleration of any act of intentional academic cheating would harm the community of trust?

(Choose one)

- Strongly agree (33.0%)*
- Agree (47.2%)*
- Neutral (8.7%)*
- Disagree (7.0%)*
- Strongly disagree (1.2%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (2.8%)*

Which of the panel choices do you think could most capably and fairly apply the single sanction? Please rank the panel choices from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most capable and fair and three being the least capable and fair.

(Rank the following from 1 to 3)

- Panel consisting of randomly selected University students.**
- Panel consisting of Committee members only.**
- Panel consisting of both randomly selected University students and Committee members.**

Choice Students ranked as #1

- Panel consisting of randomly selected University students. (31.1%)*
- Panel consisting of Committee members only. (13.3%)*
- Panel consisting of both randomly selected University students and Committee members. (55.6%)*

Choice Students ranked as #2

- Panel consisting of randomly selected University students. (31.9%)*
- Panel consisting of Committee members only. (28.9%)*
- Panel consisting of both randomly selected University students and Committee members. (39.2%)*

Choice Students ranked as #3

- Panel consisting of randomly selected University students. (37.0%)*
- Panel consisting of Committee members only. (57.8%)*
- Panel consisting of both randomly selected University students and Committee members. (5.3%)*

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the Honor System treats all students fairly, regardless of race, gender, national origin or athletic status.

(Choose one)

- Strongly agree (13.7%)*
- Agree (27.7%)*
- Neutral (15.7%)*
- Disagree (17.1%)*
- Strongly disagree (7.5%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (18.4%)*

The Honor System is currently entirely student-run. Under what authority do you feel the System would best operate?

(Choose one)

- The current student-run system (56.1%)*
- Some faculty or administrative participation (32.1%)*
- A lot of faculty or administrative participation (2.5%)*
- No student participation at all (0.6%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (8.7%)*

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the Honor Committee is a representational body that represents the concerns of all students and acts in the best interests of the students as stewards of the University's Honor System.

(Choose one)

- Strongly Agree (11.8%)*
- Agree (37.9%)*
- Neutral (23.5%)*
- Disagree (14.2%)*
- Strongly Disagree (4.0%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (8.5%)*

Do you believe you have witnessed an Honor offense?

(Choose one)

- Yes (27.8%)*
- No (59.1%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (13.1%)*

Did you initiate an Honor case? (Asked of those who said "yes" to above question.)

(Choose one)

- Yes (0.8%)*
- No (95.4%)*
- Not sure/not applicable (1.9%)*

Why did you not initiate an honor case? Please check as many as apply.

(Choose all that apply)

- I did not want to be responsible for dismissing another student. (44.4%)*
- I feared potential legal reprisal. (11.2%)*
- The person involved was a friend. (27.0%)*
- I think the process is too time-consuming. (22.7%)*
- I took it to the professor or teaching assistant to initiate it. (3.9%)*
- I did not think the offense was serious enough to warrant an initiation. (55.9%)*
- I was unsure how to go about initiating a case. (12.3%)*
- I didn't want to get involved. (35.4%)*
- Not sure/Not applicable (2.6%)*

Other (22.7%)

How informed do you feel about the procedural aspects of the Honor System?

(Choose one)

Very informed (14.3%)

Somewhat informed (67.1%)

Not at all informed (17.9%)

Not sure/Not applicable (0.7%)

Did you watch the "On My Honor" video?

(Choose one)

Yes (54.0%)

No (28.2%)

I did not receive the video. (15.7%)

Not sure/Not applicable (2.1%)

In general, how well informed do you feel by your professors about their expectations regarding academic honesty in your classes?

(Choose one)

Very informed (49.7%)

Somewhat informed (43.0%)

Not informed at all (5.9%)

Not sure/Not applicable (1.4%)

Of the following events, which would you most likely attend?

(Choose one)

A Roundtable discussion you are personally invited to attend. (32.7%)

An Awareness Week barbecue on the Lawn. (21.9%)

An open forum or panel discussion. (7.6%)

A Committee meeting. (2.1%)

I would not attend any of these events. (25.6%)

Not sure/Not applicable (7.7%)

Other (2.4%)

When would you most prefer to attend such events?

(Choose one)

Lunchtime during the week. (19.5%)

Dinnertime during the week. (34.5%)

Weeknights after dinnertime. (21.0%)

Lunchtime on weekends. (10.8%)

Dinnertime on weekends. (4.3%)

Weekend nights after dinnertime. (2.0%)

Not sure/Not applicable (5.3%)

Other (2.5%)

How can the Honor Committee better educate the student body about the Honor System?

(Choose as many as apply.)

Show the Honor video during a first-year orientation event. (41.8%)

Small group discussions about the Honor System during orientation. (75.3%)

Have Committee members attend student organization meetings and give a short presentation. (26.9%)

A weekly column in the Cavalier Daily discussing Honor issues and concerns. (60.4%)

A speakers series including interesting and influential alumni discussing honor and what it means to them. (21.1%)

Require all first-year students to take the Honor and Ethics seminar. (29.5%)

Have mini-Honor System educational seminars with opportunities for open discussion throughout the year. (19.4%)

Provide more information regarding the outcome of Honor proceedings. (51.8%)

Not sure/Not applicable (4.7%)

Other (4.7%)

**Do you believe you have committed an Honor offense while a student at the University?
(Remember, your answers are completely confidential.)**

(Choose one)

Yes (6.5%)

No (74.7%)

Maybe (13.1%)

Not sure/Not applicable (4.6%)

Have any of your opinions about the honor system changed after taking this survey?

(Choose one)

Yes (5.8%)

No (88.3%)

Not sure/Not applicable (5.9%)