

The University of Georgia
- Compact for Responsible Scholarship: A Joint Resolution for Academic Excellence -
endorsed by
The UGA Student Government Association and The UGA Teaching Academy

Our University was founded with the motto, “to teach, to serve, and to inquire into the nature of things,” and a mission that includes “a commitment to excellence in the teaching/learning environment dedicated to serve a diverse and well-prepared student body, to promote high levels of student achievement and to provide appropriate academic support services.” Students and faculty at the University of Georgia today strive to achieve this level of excellence and have collaborated on defining both a set of values and of expectations for one another to ensure that this level of excellence in education is maintained through a concentrated effort to perform at the highest levels in the classroom on the part of both parties. These are guidelines, prepared collaboratively by faculty and students, that we hope will be taken to heart by all of those on the UGA campus and discussed and defined further in each classroom. If these basics are taken as a starting point, with the intent of surpassing them, then we can continue to excel in academia at the University of Georgia.

Faculty	Students
COMMUNICATION Provide clarity of course policies (ex. withdrawals, academic honesty) Clearly define grading criteria Make syllabi available by first class meeting Post and keep office hours and appointments Solicit formative feedback from students Clearly communicate expectations of students	COMMUNICATION Be informed (read syllabi, and check e-mail and online course resources regularly) Be honest with professors and other students Respond to communications in timely way Use office hours to interact with professors Give constructive feedback on how faculty can better engage you in the classroom
RESPECT Abide by the time constraints of the course Protect student privacy Maintain a respectful learning environment Understand and respect student diversity Return work in a timely manner Respond professionally to student concerns Provide consistency between course sections	RESPECT Abide by the academic honesty policy Attend every class and be on time Keep appointments with faculty Understand and respect faculty diversity Complete assignments and tests on time Express classroom concerns through appropriate channels (faculty, dept. Head)
ENGAGEMENT Be dedicated to excellence in teaching Come to class prepared and ready to teach Facilitate classroom discussions Provide applications for classroom learning Use technology to enhance learning Promote an academic atmosphere on campus	ENGAGEMENT Be dedicated to excellence in learning Come to class prepared and ready to learn Participate in discussions and activities Think critically and explore classroom issues Use technology only to enhance learning Promote an academic atmosphere on campus

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