

# The *Unauthorized, Unofficial* Gentleman's Rule Book

*"The student is expected to conduct himself at all times, both on and off the campus, as a gentleman and a responsible citizen."*

2. Tri-fold back so this part is on top

4. Staple on gray lines and fold

- A Gentleman who is over 21 is controlled and deliberate in his use of alcohol. A Gentleman does not lose control, pass out, vomit, etc. due to alcohol consumption.
- Gentlemen do not use illegal drugs or other controlled substances.

- A Gentleman is neat and clean in his attire and his appearance. His hair and beard are neat, trimmed, and clean.
- Gentleman does not wear clothing that has words or images that are disrespectful or degrading to others including clothing with profanity, sexual imagery, or other wording with inappropriate innuendo.
- A Gentleman wears clothing that is modest, in good repair, and appropriate for the activities.

## Appearance

## Substance Use

- A Gentleman is respectful in his use of tobacco. If he smokes, he only does so in situations and areas where those around him are agreeing participants or agree to the second-hand smoke.
- Gentlemen who are under-age respect the law of the land and do not consume alcohol.

## Language

- A Gentleman's language should be clear, thoughtful and concise.
- Gentlemen avoid using profanity and vulgar language.
- A Gentleman does not participate in lewd or demeaning conversation including offensive jokes or disrespectful comments about others.
- A Gentleman is careful in his written communications, considering the thoughts and feelings of others, especially when he is communicating with the entire campus via email.

- Gentlemen are true sportsman and behave themselves with respect and courtesy at all athletic events.
- Gentlemen carefully follow the rules of competition, do not cheat, and play fairly.
- A Gentleman is a good fan and is respectful of opposing teams and fans. Obscenity and vulgar language are usually inappropriate at sporting competitions.

## Wabash Always Fights...

Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of someone else's material. There are three common kinds of plagiarism.

1. Using the exact language of a text without putting the quoted material in quotation marks and citing its source.
2. Presenting as your own work without proper citation, the sequence of ideas or the arrangement of material of someone else, even though you express it in your own words.
3. Submitting a paper written by another, in whole or in part, as your own.

(*Academic Bulletin, 2008*)

## Living Units

A Gentleman behaves with the same level of personal respect and courtesy in his living unit as in the rest of his activities.

- A Gentleman does not participate in activities that are degrading or demeaning to any other men in the living unit, including underclassman.

The Gentleman's Rule has long been the only student rule at Wabash College. Many of the students take this rule seriously, but there has always been some ambiguity as to what this rule means. The following booklet is an unofficial list of rules that describe what I believe is a Gentleman. No student is under obligation to follow these rules. No list can be comprehensive- this booklet is intended to be a starting point for further thought and conversation about what it means to be a Gentleman at Wabash College.

-MJM

- Gentlemen wishing to "fight" outside of athletic events will seek constructive and fair venues to settle their disputes.

- A Gentleman is honest in all of his academic work. A Gentleman does not cheat or plagiarize. Cheating is defined in three principal ways and may extend to homework, lab assignments, and exams:
  1. Copying from other students or from written or electronic materials
  2. Providing or receiving unauthorized assistance to or from another student
  3. Collaborating on take-home assignments without faculty authorization.

## Academic Honesty

## Respect

- A Gentleman is respectful of others at all times.
- A Gentleman is aware of the needs of those around him and willingly provides assistance.
- A Gentleman respects the sexual orientation and personal decisions of others.
- A Gentleman respects the level of sexual comfort of others and is discrete in his own personal activities.
- A Gentleman is respectful of the sexual feelings and attitudes of others and avoids all public lewdness.
- A Gentleman recognizes the importance of teaching with kindness and care, especially towards those new students that need the help and example of Gentleman.
- A Gentleman helps keep his living unit clean and orderly, doing his fair share of the work.

- Civil Disobedience is a public action and does not include acts performed while deliberately trying to avoid being caught.

- A Gentleman strives to be organized in his academic work and to present his best work at all times.
- A Gentleman is respectful of others' ideas in the academic environment and is constructively engaged in the classroom at all times.
- Sleeping in class is unbecoming of a Gentleman.

- A Gentleman may thoughtfully disobey any of these rules as long as he does so without requiring or asking others to break the rules themselves.
- Civil disobedience must be a personal act and must not put others in harm or force them to also disobey.
- A Gentleman participating in Civil Disobedience must be willing to pay the price for his disobedience - including punishment, expulsion or jail.

## Academic Behavior

## Post-Script

## Responsible Citizenship

- A Gentleman actively participates in service activities. He seeks out ways in which he can help those in need and willingly gives of himself to help others.
- A Gentleman is a law-abiding citizen in all respects. This includes obeying traffic laws, alcohol consumption laws, and all other civic laws.

- Gentlemen follow all Campus Policies including no pets in living units.
- Gentlemen are careful in their possession and use of firearms, maintaining a safe and secure environment at all times.