

Code of Conduct & Civility
Arkansas State University
Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program

As a student of the program I will....

1. *Respect* other students and professors. Demonstrate respect by allowing others time to respond to comments, responding in a timely manner to others' comments, and refraining from the use of insulting, derogatory or disrespectful language in discussions—in or out of class.
2. *Reflect* before I reply; communication requires effort. Think about my audience and the context of my communication. Statements in class or online are not the same as private communication between friends.
3. Take *Responsibility* for my own conduct—I will not blame others for my own actions.
4. *Reject* bigotry, or discrimination against others based on a single attribute of theirs.
5. *Represent* the truth—be honest in my dealings with others in the program and uphold the highest standards of *academic integrity*: never, ever submit anyone else's work as my own.
6. *Respond* to all assignments with my own work and words, unless working in an authorized group. Understand that the A-State MPA Program has a *zero-tolerance* policy for plagiarism and cheating.
7. *Read* and *Refer* to this MPA Guide throughout my program.
8. Understand that *Repercussions* for not following the code may include receiving a zero grade, failing a course, dismissal from the program, and/or referral for a student conduct hearing at the university.

Signed Name

Date

Printed Name

ID Number

Please print this sheet, sign and date it, and return to Dr. Reese (if traditional) or Mr. Carothers (if online) prior to being advised in your first semester.