Academic Honor Code/Social Code Pledge

A. During matriculation, members of the incoming class must acknowledge the pledge that reads: “I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Academic Honor Code and Social Code.”

B. Signing of the pledge implies a student’s commitment to uphold the principles and rules outlined in the Academic Honor Code and Social Code.

C. Students sign the Academic Honor Code and Social Code pledge, a copy of which is kept in their permanent files in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. Members of the Judicial Board coordinate the signing of the pledge.

D. Each time students place their name on examinations, papers, laboratory assignments, and other academic work, they acknowledge their responsibility and commitment to the Academic Honor Code.

The success of the Academic Honor Code and Social Code requires the active commitment of the College community. Bowdoin College expects you to read thoroughly the Codes in the 2010-2011 Bowdoin College Student Handbook. Bowdoin encourages you to discuss the academic standards of our community with members of the Judicial Board, other students, staff, faculty, and administrators. Once you have studied and are familiar with the Academic Honor Code and Social Code, you will sign the pledge below that reads: “I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Academic Honor Code and Social Code.”

The Academic Honor Code plays a central role in the intellectual life at Bowdoin College by forming the basis for academic conduct. Students and faculty are obligated to ensure its success; their integrity is essential in creating an academic environment dedicated to the development of independent modes of learning, analysis, judgment, and expression. Academic dishonesty, in or out of the classroom, is antithetical to the College’s institutional values and constitutes a violation of the Academic Honor Code.

The Social Code describes certain rights and responsibilities of students. While the Social Code imposes no specific morality on students, the College requires certain standards of behavior on and off College premises to secure the safety of the College community, and to ensure that the College remains a center of learning. Bowdoin College expects its students to be responsible for their behavior on and off College premises and to assure the same behavior of their guests.

Individuals who violate the Academic Honor Code or the Social Code are subject to formal disciplinary action. For more information regarding Academic Honor Code and Social Code violations, please refer to the Bowdoin College Student Handbook, available online at www.bowdoin.edu/studentaffairs/student-handbook/.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Academic Honor Code and Social Code.

Signed: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________