The University of Georgia  
- Compact for Responsible Scholarship: A Joint Resolution for Academic Excellence -  
edorsed 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.

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| Provide clarity of course policies  
(ex. withdrawals, academic honesty) | Be informed (read syllabi, and check e-mail  
and online course resources regularly) |
| Clearly define grading criteria | Be honest with professors and other students |
| Make syllabi available by first class meeting | Respond to communications in timely way |
| Post and keep office hours and appointments | Use office hours to interact with professors |
| Solicit formative feedback from students | Give constructive feedback on how faculty  
can better engage you in the classroom |
| Clearly communicate expectations of students | |

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| Abide by the time constraints of the course  
Protect student privacy | Abide by the academic honesty policy  
Attend every class and be on time  
Keep appointments with faculty |
| Maintain a respectful learning environment | Understand and respect faculty diversity  
Complete assignments and tests on time |
| Understand and respect student diversity  
Return work in a timely manner | Express classroom concerns through  
appropriate channels (faculty, dept. Head) |
| Respond professionally to student concerns | |
| Provide consistency between course sections | |

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| 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 | 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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