The Honor Code
Under this code, it is assumed and expected that a student conducts himself or herself in accordance with the Honor Code and lives his or her life accountable to God, first of all, and then to fellow students. In this way, an atmosphere of trust and respect is created that glorifies God and assures openness in the community.

Academic Integrity
The Regent University community of teachers and scholars affirms that the biblical principles of truth and honesty are absolutely essential. Indeed, the Bible contains numerous admonitions against false witness, dishonesty and cheating. Upholding the standard of academic integrity with its reliance on honesty is a responsibility of both faculty and students. Conduct that violates academic integrity includes, but is not limited to:

1. Dishonesty. This is lack of integrity exhibited through lying, cheating, defrauding or deceiving. Examples of dishonesty include: copying from the examination paper of another, allowing one’s own examination paper to be copied, reading without the instructor’s consent a copy of the examination prior to the date it is given, giving or receiving unpermitted aid on a take-home examination, class assignment, project and other papers; use of unauthorized aids; submitting the same work product in more than one course without the express permission of the instructor(s); or disclosing or accepting information if one takes a test at a different time than other students in the same course.

2. Plagiarism. This is stealing or using the ideas, writings or images of another as one’s own. It involves failure to acknowledge material copied from others or failure to acknowledge one’s indebtedness to another for the gist of important thoughts in a formal statement, written or oral.

Charges of violating academic integrity shall be handled according to established student discipline procedures published in the Catalog and the Student Handbook. (Academic Council, Approved January 1994)

Standard of Personal Conduct
Regent University encourages a close and edifying relationship between faculty and students, one that will deepen the spiritual growth of each and stimulate a vigorous intellectual life in the Regent Community. In order to accomplish these aims, it is imperative that Regent University faculty, staff and students conduct themselves in a Christ-like and professional manner and maintain an exemplary and involved lifestyle, including regular church attendance, participation in activities of the Regent community and its founding organization.

As indicated below, Regent University requires that members of the Regent community—faculty, staff and students—refrain from the illegal use of drugs and the abuse of addictive substances controlled by law.

As indicated below, Regent also forbids the use of alcohol and tobacco on campus and prohibits the abuse of these substances. The Apostle Paul exhorts the body of Christ that, if they truly loved their fellow man, they would set aside their personal freedom by refraining from behavior that might be a stumbling block to their weaker brother. Regent University encourages members of the Regent community to exercise their personal responsibility and, guided by Paul’s admonition, appropriately set aside their personal freedom and refrain from the use of alcohol and tobacco.
In order to help interpret the Honor Code policy, the following guidelines are provided.

1. The use, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale of illegal drugs, controlled substances or drug paraphernalia is prohibited. The use, possession, distribution or sale of alcohol or tobacco on university premises, including university housing, at any official function, any event supported by Regent University funds or any event identified with or directly linked to the university is prohibited.

2. Any use of alcohol that results in a criminal violation, i.e., drunken driving, public nuisance, disorderly conduct, etc., is considered a substance abuse violation and will be dealt with through the disciplinary process.

3. Any incident that occurs as a result of the use of alcohol that, in the judgment of the university administration, reflects negatively on the image of the university, will be considered a violation of the Standard of Personal Conduct and will be dealt with accordingly.

4. Theft or misuse of property. No student shall steal, damage, take without authorization, or attempt to steal, damage, take or use without authorization property of another, nor shall he/she remove or attempt to remove property of another from the place or divert it from the use and/or place to which it was assigned. No student shall recklessly or knowingly help or assist another in stealing, damaging, taking without authorization, or attempting to steal, damage, or take without authorization property of another. Possession of another’s property knowingly and without permission is a violation of this regulation.

5. Threats or violence to the health and safety of others. Engaging in any act, such as fighting, physical assault, unlawful detention, interference with the freedom of movement of another person, verbal abuse, threats, stalking, intimidation, harassment, coercion or any other conduct which endangers or has the reasonable potential to endanger the health or safety of the student, other members of the university community including oneself or visitors is prohibited.

6. Abuse, harassment or intimidation. Harassing or threatening another person, including racial or sexual harassment or threats is prohibited. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, striking, laying hands upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm to another person, or other treatment of a demeaning, abusive, taunting, or alarming nature. It also includes obscene, abusive, or repetitive telephone calls, telephone messages, electronic mail, instant messages using electronic mail programs, or other obscene, abusive, or repetitive communications.

7. Sexual misconduct. Disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression, involvement with pornography, premarital sex, adultery, homosexual conduct or any other conduct, which violates Biblical standards, is prohibited.

8. Violation of housing rules or regulations is prohibited.
9. Profanity. Profane or obscene expressions including, but not limited to, speech, which violates accepted standards of decency and Biblical conduct is prohibited (except when used in an appropriate academic context).

10. Lying. Making a false statement, which the maker knows to be false, or which is made with reckless disregard for the truth of the matter asserted is prohibited. Lying also includes any deliberate attempt to mislead or intentionally misrepresent class attendance or falsifying attendance reports.

11. Misuse of computer privileges or facilities. Unauthorized access to, or use of, the university computer files, equipment (hardware or software) or facilities, including attempts to gain unauthorized use or access is prohibited. Unauthorized use is defined as: a) unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any purpose; b) unauthorized transfer of a file; c) use of computing equipment or facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member or university official; d) use of computing equipment or facilities to send obscene, abusive, intimidating, hostile or offensive messages; e) use of computing equipment or facilities to interfere with the normal operation of the university computing system; f) use of the computing equipment or facilities to view pornographic or other obscene websites; g) private and/or personal use of computing equipment or facilities for economic gain unrelated to university activities; or h) use of the computing equipment or facilities to accomplish any other prohibited activities under the Honor Code such as threats to the health and safety of others, abuse or intimidation, sexual misconduct, profanity or lying.

12. Any conduct deemed unlawful. Violations of any local, city, state or federal law, regardless of whether such conduct takes place on or off the campus, and regardless of whether there has been any trial and/or conviction for such conduct in a court of law, may also constitute a violation of the Honor Code. Conduct leading to arrest, indictment or conviction for violation of local, state, or federal law may result in disciplinary action by the university.

13. Miscellaneous. The foregoing infractions are not intended to constitute an all-inclusive list of offenses for which a student may be disciplined under the Standards of Personal Conduct. It is the intent, rather, to provide some examples of the types of behavior, which are punishable hereunder. Any misbehavior deemed by the university to violate the spirit of this Honor Code shall be dealt with as though it were expressly prohibited herein.