

# PHY 431 Pledge

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This is the only pledge you need to sign for the whole course. Please read it carefully. Cross out or modify any statements you are not willing to agree to. You do not need to write generic pledges on your assignments and exams — we assume students are honorable without you saying so. If you do wish to write a generic pledge on an assignment, it should be “**With Honor**”.

**I will not lie, cheat or steal.**

**If I am unsure** whether something would be considered lying, cheating or stealing, **I will ask before doing it.** I will follow the stated collaboration policy for each assignment. I will not look at solutions or assignments from previous PHY 431 courses since I realize the point of assignments is to learn and taking undue advantage of these materials would be contrary to that goal and unfair to my classmates. On exams, I will work on my own and not provide aid to other students or use resources, except those explicitly allowed by the exam.

Since upholding honor standards is to the benefit of all members of the course, as well as the community at large, **I will not tolerate dishonorable behavior** in my classmates. In the event that I become aware of dishonorable behavior by others, I will either confront them to prevent it, inform the course staff, or initiate an honor case.

**I will do what I can to help my fellow classmates *learn*,** except when specifically instructed not to. This means when other students ask me for help, I will attempt to provide it. I will look at their answers and discuss what I think is good or bad about their answers. I will help others improve their work, but will not give them my answers directly. I will try to teach them what they need to know to discover solutions themselves.

**I will ask for help.** I will make a *reasonable effort to do things on my own first*, but will ask my classmates or the course staff for help *before* getting overly frustrated.

**I will provide useful feedback.** I will let the course staff know what they need to improve the course. I will not wait until the end of the course to make the teacher aware of any problems. I will provide feedback either anonymously (via Kim Crosslan or other anonymous messengers) or by contacting Dr. Chih-Wei Lai directly.

I will fill out all course evaluation surveys honestly and thoroughly.

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Signature

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Date

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Name