

Code of Ethics for the Department of Computer Science

In addition to responsibilities enumerated in the Colorado State University Student Conduct Code, the Computer Science Department advocates rights and responsibilities of conduct for all its Members: faculty, staff and students, in accordance with the intent of the Code of Ethics of the Association of Computing Machinery. In particular, all department members are obligated to

1. **Respect the rights of others** and protect fundamental human rights including respect of the diversity of all cultures, and to foster a safe and comfortable social environment.
2. **Avoid harm to others:**
 - a. All members are expected to treat one another with professional courtesy at all times. Harassment or humiliation of one member by another will not be tolerated.
 - b. Members will dress appropriately for an educational and professional setting, refraining from modes of dress that may shock or disturb others.
 - c. Members will refrain from using offensive or abusive language.
 - d. Members will refrain from offensive public displays, including on computer monitors, wall posters, or engaging in overt public disturbances.
3. **Be honest and trustworthy:**
 - a. Members will relate honestly with one another, will not submit work that is not their own (unless properly cited), will keep their promises, and will act to merit the trust of others.
 - b. Members will adhere to the ACNS acceptable use policy
4. **Be fair and take action not to discriminate:**
 - a. Members will treat others fairly, evenhandedly and without capriciousness. Members will not single out any other Members or groups of Members for discrimination or criticism or unwelcome treatment especially based on age, gender, religious convictions, race, physical characteristics, or membership in any cultural group.
5. **Honor property rights:**
 - a. Members will respect the personal property of others.
6. **Give proper credit for intellectual property:**
 - a. Members will respect the work product of others, and will never claim ownership of intellectual work of others as their own.
7. **Respect the privacy of others:**
 - a. Members will respect the rights of others to be left alone, and will refrain from unwelcome actions towards them, and unwanted intrusions into their affairs.

For questions, explanations, or to report violations, contact your instructor or appropriate department administrator. Mediation of violations will be conducted within the Department and may be referred to the CSU Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Office.