



ETHICS CONTRACT

Journalism is based on honesty and credibility, principles the School of Journalism take very seriously. In that spirit, we ask you to sign and commit to the following contract.

Any form of fabrication, plagiarism, cheating or other ethical offense as defined by Stony Brook University and its School of Journalism will be reported to the Academic Judiciary Committee and can result in a failing grade for the course, dismissal from the journalism program or expulsion from the university.

Please initial that you have read and understood each of the following:

_____ Plagiarism, intentional or unintentional, is considered academic dishonesty. I will credit the source when using the words or works of others.

_____ I will submit contact information for all sources on all stories and assignments. I understand that stories or assignments without a list of sources will not be accepted.

_____ I will submit reporting notes promptly upon request.

_____ I will not make up quotes, facts or sources.

_____ I will not use sources that are known to me for stories or assignments. This includes friends, family members, roommates, classmates or business associates. (If I believe an exemption is warranted, I must receive prior approval from my instructor.)

_____ I will not copy answers or assignments from someone else or allow anyone to copy from me.

_____ I will not collaborate on work unless my instructor authorizes me to do so.

_____ I will not submit the same or similar work in more than one course unless authorized by each instructor.

_____ I will not fabricate or alter an excuse note.

_____ I understand that the School of Journalism will keep a copy of this signed contract on file.

Date _____ ID # _____ Major _____ Minor _____

Print name _____ Signature _____