



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Student Covenant

SBTS cultivates a context for intellectual, emotional, social, moral and spiritual growth, committed to the development of virtues exhorted in the Word of God. Christ-like character and behavior is founded on the responsibility to love God wholly and a neighbor as oneself. The choices of community members should reject attitudes and actions condemned as sinful, while demonstrating integrity in service that glorifies God.

All students must participate actively in a local congregation. Watch-care status in a local church is acceptable when supported by both the home and local church.

Resolution and reconciliation is best accomplished in Christian love with candid communication (Matthew 18). If intractable, Christian mediation should be sought apart from secular litigation (1 Corinthians 6). Students should seek resolution through the grievance process within institutional channels, apart from the public view.

Sexual misconduct violates the image of God and the sanctity of the marriage covenant. Unacceptable violations of sexual purity include harassment or assault, homosexual or premarital sexual activity, the use of pornography, and marital infidelity.

Abstinence from alcoholic beverages and illegal substances is always required, regardless of personal conviction or ecclesiastic tradition, and regardless of location or context. Students must not participate in the use or consumption of such products.

Academic dishonesty violates the integrity of Kingdom work and witness. The standard for academic integrity is violated by cheating, plagiarism or the misappropriation of library materials.

Respect for persons is expected of community members, and is incompatible with lying, gossiping, profanity, slander, hateful actions or any threats to personal safety, including hazing, stalking or any kind of harassment.

Biblical stewardship of property and resources is expected. Respect for private and public property precludes theft or vandalism. Financial malfeasance cannot be tolerated, such as neglect of economic obligations or gambling.

Activity that violates federal, state or local laws is unacceptable, according to instruction for obedience to governing authorities (Rom 13, 1 Pet 2).