

What is Core Commitments?

The UCF Core Commitments grant project is funded by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to support the 5 dimensions of Core Commitments: Educating Students for Personal and Social Responsibility.

1. Striving for Excellence:

developing a strong work ethic and consciously doing one's very best in all aspects of college.

2. Cultivating Personal and Academic Integrity:

recognizing and acting on a sense of honor, both by being honest in relationships and by upholding academic honor codes.

3. Contributing to a Larger Community:

recognizing and acting on one's responsibility to the educational community, the local community, and the wider national and global society.

4. Taking Seriously Perspectives of Others:

recognizing and acting on the obligation to inform one's own judgment; relinquishing a sense of entitlement; and engaging diverse and competing perspectives as a resource for learning, citizenship, and work.

5. Refining Ethical and Moral Reasoning:

developing moral reasoning in ways that incorporate the other four responsibilities and using such reasoning in learning and in life.

UCF Core Commitments Projects

Various projects support Core Commitments at UCF. Among them are:

- *Faculty development at FCTL Summer and Winter Conferences (2007 and 2008), and a Course Innovation Project in Spring Term 2008.*
- *Interactive Performance Lab research for faculty and students in Fall Term 2007 and throughout 2008.*
- *Student-led seminars in academic and research integrity in Fall Term 2007, Spring Term 2008, and Fall Term 2008.*
- *Broad-based student participation in the UCF Faculty Senate Ethics Task Force.*
- *Internal UCF Ethics Bowl Competitions for Fall 2007-Spring 2008 and Spring 2008-Fall 2008.*
- *A new web site for academic integrity for faculty, staff, and students. See <http://www.integrity.ucf.edu>*
- *Core Commitments involvement in the annual Philosophy and Information Fluency international conferences. See <http://www.if.ucf.edu>*
- *Sponsorship of speakers on academic and applied ethics.*

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How Can You Get Involved?

Please let us know if you are interested in any or all of the UCF projects for Core Commitments.

For Students:

- Participate in on-campus ethics bowl competitions
- Join the ethics task force and be involved in important decision-making regarding ethical issues on campus and in UCF policies

For Faculty:

- There are several opportunities for faculty development at FCTL, each including stipends for participants.

For Faculty and Students:

- Ethics bowl competitions are for undergraduate students of all majors and interests. Faculty are needed as judges and team coaches.
- Interactive Performance Lab research may be just right for inclusion in one of your courses.
- Participate in seminars on academic and research ethics.

For Everyone:

- Philosophy and Information Fluency International Conferences
- Lectures on academic and applied ethics