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Student Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, and Academic Integrity AYE27

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**Mission:**

Selden College exists to graduate faithful Christian men and women who are prepared to act justly, skilfully and magnanimously in each and every office, private and public, in peace and war.

What is this policy document about?

This policy sets out the way Selden College seeks to protect the religious ethos of the College so it can be faithful to its founding vision and mission and so deliver an education built upon the worship of God, growing in virtue, and advancing in learning.

Context:

Selden College aims to offer undergraduate and postgraduate [awards](#) built upon a recovery of the Christian liberal arts tradition within a context of a Christian community committed to the worship of God, growing in virtue, and advancing learning.

Aim:

Selden College aims to recover the Christian idea of a college community built upon shared commitments of both belief and morality in order to share aspects of a 'common life' together. The College believes that such a context is both foundational to the education it provides and necessary to fulfil its mission.

Statement of Faith

Selden College receives the great credal statements the Church has affirmed as succinct summaries of the teaching of Holy Scripture: The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, and the Definition of Chalcedon. Moreover, we believe that the Reformational confessions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, of all historic statements, most fully and accurately summarise the system of orthodox Christian doctrine revealed in Scripture.

Students do not have to be Reformed to attend Selden College, however, they do need to be professing, orthodox Christians. All students, therefore, need to be able, in good conscience, to sign the student Statement of Faith outlined below



The Student Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one God who is eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe this one uncreated Triune God created *ex nihilo* all things that exist in heaven and on earth.
3. We believe that through the disobedience of Adam (and not before), all agonistic death entered the world, and that his rebellion against the express Word of God, plunged himself and his entire posterity, represented in him, into the hopelessness of death in sin.
4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is, according to the flesh, a descendant of David and sits on David's throne. He is, at the same time, God incarnate, born of the Virgin Mary. He is fully man and fully God. He died on the cross, was raised to life bodily from the grave, ascended into heaven and is sitting at the right hand of the Father until His enemies have been made his footstool, and from where He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
5. We believe that salvation from death and sin is only through faith in Christ and His redeeming work in His life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and thus is all of grace and not of works.
6. We believe in the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son and with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified. This Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of all those who trust in the Lord Jesus and effectively works to change them into the likeness of Christ.
7. We believe the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired and infallible Word of God and the ultimate rule of faith and conduct.
8. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church.
9. We believe that God created mankind in His image and wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.



10. We believe that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as set forth in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other.
11. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including unborn babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

Doctrine and Belief

This Statement of Faith outlines the broad doctrinal parameters within which the college community operates. If any student, at any time, comes to a position that differs substantively from these principles they are to inform the college, and if necessary, offer to withdraw from the college community as a point of integrity.

Code of Conduct

Selden College exists to *graduate faithful Christian men and women who are prepared to act justly, skilfully and magnanimously in each and every office, private and public, in peace and war.* To that end, students must join the faculty and staff in submitting themselves to Scripture's clear principles for living our life together as a Christian academic community.

Personal Holiness

Students at Selden College commit themselves to a life of holiness ordered to the glory of God and enabled by the Spirit's work to make them like Christ. The Bible requires all Christians to walk contrary to the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21, 24, 26; Eph. 5:3-7) and to respect all those who are in authority over them. All sin is wrong, yet not all sin leads to institutional discipline. Life in Christian community involves the seeking and giving of forgiveness for wrongs committed; this is a sign of a healthy community.

However, there are some weightier matters of misconduct that will generate discipline at an institutional level in keeping with Selden College's policies and with the aim of protecting the Christian ethos of an institution that is committed to moral formation, and the spiritual well-being of the student body.

Misconduct that will lead to disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to: sexual immorality; drunkenness; use of intoxicating drugs (including marijuana);



cheating/plagiarism/collusion (see Academic Integrity below); overt disrespect toward other students, faculty, or staff; unruly and disruptive behaviour both inside and outside of college.

Academic integrity

Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and so must avoid all forms of collusion, plagiarism and cheating:

1. Collusion

Collusion is defined as two or more students working together in an unauthorised way to submit an assessed piece of work as their own.

2. Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's work or ideas as your own. This includes but is not limited to: cutting and pasting the words of others without attribution; paraphrasing someone else's words/ideas without due acknowledgement; including works in your references or bibliography you have not read but have borrowed from another's work; submitting your own work that you have already used in another assessed academic context; the purchase of someone's else's work and subsequent submission of that work as your own. Please note that work produced by AI is included within the definition of 'someone else's work'.

3. Cheating

Cheating is defined as accessing and using unauthorised information during an examination or test. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing written or electronic material during an examination or test; accessing examination scripts prior to an examination or test; copying another student's work during an examination or test; and pretending to be someone else during an examination or test.

What happens if I break the code of conduct or breach academic integrity?

The expectation at Selden College is that if you break (wittingly or unwittingly) prior commitments you will seek out an opportunity to speak to your faculty advisor and/or the pastoral officer. The majority of matters are not likely to lead to disciplinary procedures. In all cases (whether leading to disciplinary procedures or not) the pastoral officer/faculty advisor will counsel you with the goal of a restoration of fellowship and assurance of forgiveness for confessed sin.



The [Disciplinary and Complaints Procedures for Students](#) outline the formal disciplinary process should they be deemed necessary.