

APPENDIX F. ETHICS TEST

School of Mass Communication Ethical Climate Questionnaire • FALL 2013

Please **circle** your answer to each of the following questions and return the completed form to the administrator. Thank you for your assistance.

1. In your experience in college so far, how many students engage in academic dishonesty (cheat on tests and exams, plagiarize from documents and the Internet, make up information and quotes, etc.)?

Most **Many** **Some**
Few **None** **Don't Know**

2. If you know or believe that a number of students engage in academic dishonesty, how concerned are you about their behavior?

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**

3. If you observed a fellow student cheating in a test or exam, would you report the student to the instructor?

Yes **No** **Don't Know**

4. If you observed a fellow student copying from your test or exam, would you report the student to the instructor?

Yes **No** **Don't Know**

5. Would you try to stop the student from copying from your test or exam?

Yes **No** **Don't Know**

6. Have you ever reported a fellow student for cheating?

Yes **No**

7. How concerned are you about your fellow students' engaging in any of the following?

• Inventing sources (people they quote in their stories)

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**

• Making up quotes

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**

• Using information from the Internet without attribution

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**

8. Journalism majors sometimes report that the pressure of deadlines in their skills courses on top of the pressures in other courses, in extracurricular activities and jobs, and in their private lives, causes them to violate certain ethical requirements in these journalism courses. Under these circumstances, how justified do you think these practices are?

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**



From time to time, journalists are found to have plagiarized or fabricated information in a story.

9. How concerned are you when you hear that a journalist plagiarized a story?

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**

10. How concerned are you when you hear that a journalist fabricated material for a story?

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**

11. How concerned are you when you hear that a journalist made up a source for a story?

Very **Quite** **Somewhat**
Not Very **Don't Know**

12. How do you think a news organization should handle a situation when an employee has been found to have plagiarized?

Fire the employee
Move the person to another position
Reprimand in some other way
Do nothing

13. How do you think a news organization should handle a situation when an employee has been found to have fabricated material for a story?

Fire the employee
Move the person to another position
Reprimand in some other way
Do nothing

14. How do you think a news organization should handle a situation when an employee has been found to have made up a source for a story?

Fire the employee
Move the person to another position
Reprimand in some other way
Do nothing

We would like to know some general information about you.

15. Gender **Male** **Female**

16. Year **Freshman** **Sophomore**
 Junior **Senior**

17. Age _____

18. Sequence **Advertising**
 Journalism
 Public Relations
 Other/Undecided