

"In order to be a well-rounded engineer you need to be well versed in ethics. The Ethics Program discusses issues that are considered morally ambiguous. It gives students the opportunity to figure out how we would handle the situation before it actually arises. While it can be easy to know very right from very wrong, life often has a lot of gray areas that are easier to navigate if you've had practice. This program gives you the chance to explore what you might do in a given situation."

"Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching."
—Jim Stovall

"Well done is better than well said."
—Benjamin Franklin

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."
—Henry Ford

"The significant problems we have cannot be solved at the same level of thinking with which we created them."
—Albert Einstein

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Fostering a Culture of Ethics

"Because of the enormous impact of engineers on individuals and society, they bear deep moral and ethical responsibilities."

William A. Wulf, President National Academy of Engineering, 2004

"The Ethics Program at RIT has been an important part of my success in and out of the classroom. It stresses good values and decision-making, which helped prepare me for both my co-ops and my class work. Working in research requires ethical decisions every day. It is important that the work you present as your own is not altered in any way and is not taken directly from someone else. This program helps ensure that you make the right decisions no matter what the situation."



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Engineering in Society

Engineers are decision makers, inventors, designers, policy makers, CEOs, and presidents.

Everything in the material world is an outcome of engineering.

Engineers are problem solvers who provide the technology needed to solve global issues and improve the quality of the human experience.

Engineers create the technology needed to achieve a sustainable future.

Engineers transform the world through vision, creativity, perseverance, and a process of continuous improvement.



Ethics in Engineering

The actions of engineers impact future generations.

Engineering responsibility extends beyond utility to health, safety, and societal impacts.

Engineers must look beyond the obvious, and consider the unintended consequences of their work.

Respect for intellectual property drives creativity.

Kate Gleason College of Engineering Honor Principles:

RIT Engineering faculty, staff, and students are truthful and honorable, and do not tolerate lying, cheating, stealing, or plagiarism.



In joining the RIT engineering community, one chooses to embrace this philosophy and uphold the highest standards of ethical behavior.

Adhering to these principles will reinforce a pattern of behavior that will serve you well throughout your career.

Engineers design the future. We want your impact as an engineer to have the greatest possible benefit to society.

