



Department of Physics & Astronomy Peer Learning Lounge Code of Conduct

Statement of Shared Values:

The Department of Physics and Astronomy holds as a core tenet that all people are equally welcome into our community and that everyone should have equal access to the resources they need to succeed as a physicist. As members of the physics community, we have the responsibility to ensure this equality.

To this end, we agree to the following **Code of Conduct**:

- We support the well-being of each other at all times and remember that we are not alone.
- We value the multitude of ways to be a physicist and the many paths available through our field and in our department.
- We strive to speak and act in ways that support and include all members of our community.
- We recognize that physics is a social endeavor, and we proudly collaborate with others to advance the field.
- We acknowledge we are here because of the mentorship we have received and continue to receive, and we offer that mentorship to others.

Peer Learning Lab Access

In particular, the Peer Learning Lab (PLL), informally called the undergraduate student lounge, is offered by the Department of Physics and Astronomy as an open resource to all who desire to make use of the lab and its resources for the purpose of furthering physics and physics education.

PLL access is a privilege granted by the Department, and your acceptance of this privilege is also an implicit agreement to engage in behavior reflective of our Code of Conduct. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Giving priority to undergraduate student studying over other activities,
- Maintaining conversations and other sound at levels that do not disturb those studying in the lab or those outside the lab engaged in any academic pursuits,
- Taking responsibility to maintain a clean, healthy, and safe environment,
- Keeping all supplied resources such as textbooks, furniture, computers, etc. in the lab at all times and taking all personal possessions with you when you leave, and
- Treating every person with the highest respect.

Additionally, all students are expected to follow ETAMU policies and procedures, including the ETAMU Student Code of Conduct, <https://www.etamu.edu/student-code-of-conduct/>.

To obtain door access to the PLL after business hours, each student must agree to this Code of Conduct by signing below and submitting the form to the Department Head. The student may then request door access via the online Door Access Management form: <https://dms.etamu.edu/Forms/DoorAccess>. The Department Head may deny door access for any reason.

The McFarland Science Building is considered closed from 11:00pm – 7:15 am daily, on official university holidays, and during unsafe conditions. Students may not use the building or the PLL at this time unless special permission has been granted by the Department Head for research purposes; such permission does not permit access during closures due to unsafe conditions.

If you witness or suspect violations of this Code of Conduct, you should report such behavior to the Department Head, the Departmental Advisor, or another appropriate university entity. Identities of reporters will be kept in confidence as far as is possible. Anonymous reports may also be made in writing. In either case, the resulting actions taken, if any, will not necessarily be reported to the complainant.

If a student's health, well-being, or life may be endangered, call 911; do not wait to make a report through other channels.

The Departmental Advisor and Department Head has the authority to limit or revoke access rights to the PLL for suspected violations of the Code of Conduct given a preponderance of evidence of said violations.

By signing below, you agree to the Code of Conduct and the rules for PLL access privileges. This agreement shall be valid until the following August 15 unless revoked earlier.

Student Signature

Student Name (printed)

Date