

Published on *National Catholic Reporter* (<https://www.ncronline.org>)

March 17, 2011 at 9:24am

---

## BYU's Honor Code

by Michael Sean Winters

Distinctly Catholic

Joanna Brooks, at Religion Dispatches, looks at the "dark side" of the Brigham Young University honor code.

I understand the value of honor codes, especially at a place like West Point which is doing more than providing an undergraduate education, it is training men and women to defend each other under extreme circumstances. But, a university should also be a place where students are allowed to make mistakes and learn from those mistakes. Honor codes can have a chilling effect that warrants examination and Brooks is right to examine it.

---

**Source URL (retrieved on 02/22/2018 - 6:44am):** <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/distinctly-catholic/byus-honor-code>

### Links:

[1] <https://www.ncronline.org/donate?clickSource=article-end>

[2] <https://www.ncronline.org/node/160616>