Past experience and concerns expressed by students make articulation of a policy on ethics a requirement. The policy (below) conforms with the provisions of the New Mexico Tech Student Handbook. Please read the policy carefully. If you feel that there are points that require clarification, speak with your instructor immediately.

Field Work: Partners are required for field work, both for safety and as a sounding board for ideas (hypotheses) developed in the progress of field work. You and your partner are encouraged to discuss possible explanations for field relationships in the field as a means to arrive at an understanding. During mapping projects, each student is expected to compile contacts traced that day on their maps as the contacts are walked out. Data available from one of the partners notebooks should be transferred immediately after returning from the field on the day that data was collected.

Office Days and Report Preparation: While the accumulation of data may be cooperative, the assembly and utilization of that data must be an individual effort. Partners may not work cooperatively in the report preparation phase. Reports are to be based solely on data collected during the field portion of the exercise. Use of published reports or copies of work from previous years is strictly prohibited.

If it is determined that individuals: cooperated in the completion of reports, copied material, used sources of information other than data generated during the field phase, or have in their possession copies of geologic maps or reports pertaining to the detailed geology of the area, those involved (copied and copier) will be immediately given a failing grade for the course. Leave these materials in Socorro.