# **Academic Misconduct Sanction Rubric**

Sanction points are assigned for each violation the student is found responsible for and are cumulative over the length of the student's tenure at A-State

# Level One Violation (1 point for each offense)\*

# Plagiarism

Submitting as one's own any theme, paper, report, computer program, presentation, creative work, or scholarly work of any nature when copying/plagiarizing constitutes up to 50% of the assignment.

### **Cheating/Unapproved Collaboration**

Observing and/or copying from another student's test paper, reports, computer files and/or other class assignments

Giving or receiving assistance during an examination period. (This includes providing specific answers to subsequent examinees and/or dispensing or receiving information that would allow the student to have an unfair advantage in the examination over students who did not possess such information.)

Using class notes, outlines, and other unauthorized information during an examination.

Using for credit in one class a term paper, book report, project, or class assignment written for credit in another class without the knowledge and permission of the professor of the class.

Unauthorized collaborating during an examination, lab, or any course requirement with any other person by giving or receiving information without specific permission of the instructor.

# Level Two Violation (2 point for each offense)\*

#### **Plagiarism**

Submitting as one's own any theme, paper, report, computer program, presentation, creative work, or scholarly work of any nature when copying/plagiarizing constitutes <a href="more than 50%">more than 50%</a> of the assignment where clear deception applies and leads reader to believe the work originated with the writer

### **Cheating/Unapproved Collaboration**

Altering grades or official records.

Falsifying or signing another person's name on any academically-related University form or document.

Sabotaging another student's work.

Submitting altered or falsified data for outside of the classroom requirements (e.g., honor's thesis; master's thesis; doctoral dissertation; candidacy exam; qualifying exam; dissertation defense).

Using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting, in part or in whole the contents of an examination or other assignment not authorized by the professor of the class.

Exchanging places with another person for the purpose of taking an examination or completing other assignments.

# Course-level Sanctions at discretion of faculty

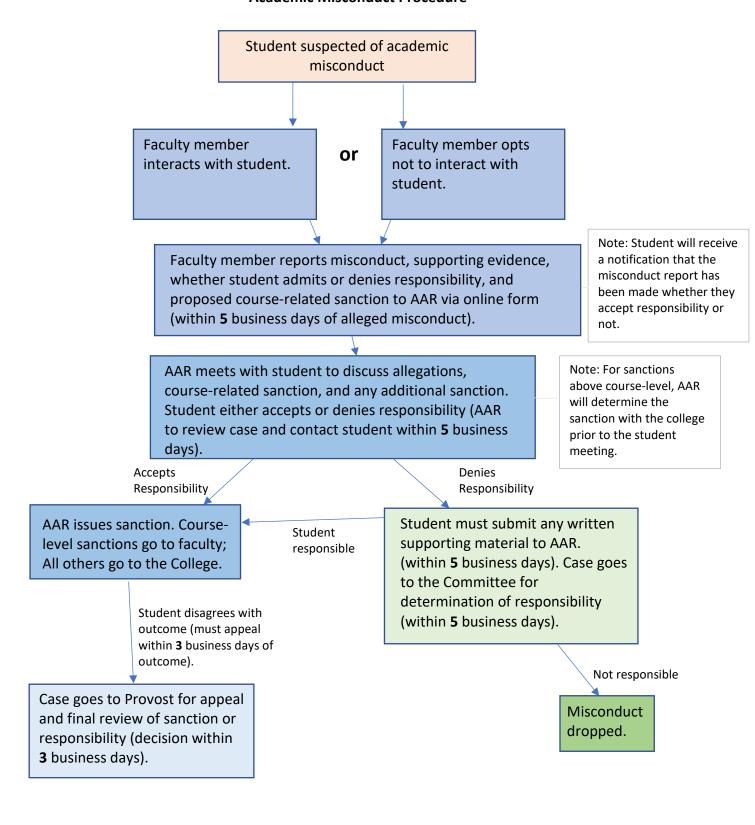
- ( ) Completion of Educational Module
- ( ) Reduction on grade for assignment/exam
- ( ) Return assignment/exam to be resubmitted
- ( ) Issue alternative assignment/exam
- ( ) Failing grade for assignment/exam
- ( ) Failing grade from class

# Administrative-level Sanctions: More severe sanctions may apply in consultation with students' academic department \*or based on prior acts

- ( ) No additional action necessary
- ( ) Completion of Educational Module: 1
- ( ) Failing grade for course: 2-3 points
- ( ) Suspension for one semester: 3-4 points
- ( ) Dismissal from program: 4 or more points
- ( ) Expulsion from University: 4 or more points
- (X) Notification to Honors, Athletics, and Academic Programs are part of all sanctions

<sup>\*</sup>If academic misconduct occurs that is not specifically described in the list of violations, point(s) will be assigned based on the most similar violation that exists in the list.

## **Academic Misconduct Procedure**



University Academic Integrity Committee (UAIC)

The University Academic Integrity Committee (UAIC) considers cases of students accused of academic misconduct and determines whether the student is responsible.

The UAIC will consist of three faculty members, two undergraduates, and one graduate student from each academic college. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and the Graduate Dean will serve as Ex Officio members.

The convening committee for an academic misconduct hearing is three faculty members and one student. For cases involving academic misconduct of a graduate student, the student representative will be a graduate student.

The Committee reports to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research.