As a student of the program I will....

1. **Respect** other students and professors. Demonstrate respect by allowing others time to respond to comments, responding in a timely manner to others’ comments, and refraining from the use of insulting, derogatory or disrespectful language in discussions—in or out of class.

2. **Reflect** before I reply; communication requires effort. Think about my audience and the context of my communication. Statements in class or online are not the same as private communication between friends.

3. Take **Responsibility** for my own conduct—I will not blame others for my own actions.

4. **Reject** bigotry, or discrimination against others based on a single attribute of theirs.

5. **Represent** the truth—be honest in my dealings with others in the program and uphold the highest standards of **academic integrity**: never, ever submit anyone else’s work as my own.

6. **Respond** to all assignments with my own work and words, unless working in an authorized group. Understand that the A-State MPA Program has a **zero-tolerance** policy for plagiarism and cheating.

7. **Read** and **Refer** to this MPA Guide throughout my program.

8. Understand that **Repercussions** for not following the code may include receiving a zero grade, failing a course, dismissal from the program, and/or referral for a student conduct hearing at the university.

Signed Name ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Printed Name ___________________________ ID Number ___________________________

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