

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 any part of the assignment as determined by the faculty member/instructor.

Cheating/Unapproved Collaboration

Observing and/or copying from another student's 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 an assignment written for credit in another class without the knowledge and permission of the professor of the class. This includes when a student is repeating a course for credit.

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)*

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 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
- Alternative assignment
- Failing grade on the assignment
- Rewriting or repeat performance of assignment
- Failing grade for the class

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

- No additional action necessary
- Completion of Educational Module:
- Failing grade for course: 2 or more points
- Removal from the course: 3 or more points
- Dismissal from program: 4 or more points
- Suspension from a particular program for one semester or more: 4 or more points
- Suspension from the University for one semester: 4 or more points
- Expulsion from University: 44 or more points
- Notification to Honors, Athletics, and Academic Programs are part of all sanctions

*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.