The Aggie Code of Honor and the Aggie Honor System Office

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An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do.
“…To the Students: Let your watchword be duty, and know no other talisman of success than labor. Let honor be your guiding star in your dealings with your superiors, your fellows, with all…”

- Governor Richard Coke

Address to Texas A&M College on October 4, 1876
Academic Misconduct

- Cheating
- Fabrication
- Falsification
- Multiple Submissions
- Plagiarism
- Complicity

- Abuse and Misuse of Access and Unauthorized Access
- Violation of Departmental or College Rules
- Violation of University Rules on Research
Common Violations

Over the past three years, the most common types of violations include:
- Cheating: 46%
- Plagiarism: 32%
- Complicity: 5%
- Fabrication: 3%
Cheating

Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices or materials in any academic exercise. Unauthorized materials may include anything or anyone that gives a student assistance and has not been specifically approved in advance by the instructor.
Plagiarism

The appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.

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Complicity

Intentionally or knowingly helping, or attempting to help, another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.
Falsifying or Fabricating Data

• Manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record.

• Making up data or results, and recording or reporting them; submitting fabricated documents.
Sanctions

- A zero on an assignment
- A course grade reduction
- Required to participate in extra requirements for a course
- Educational Sanctions
- An "F*" in the course and "Honor Code Violation Probation" on the transcript
- Separation from the University
THE “F*” GRADE DESIGNATION

• F* on the transcript, which includes notation: “Failure due to academic dishonesty”

• The “*” may be removed by completing the Academic Integrity Development Program

• The “F” may not be removed for a class retaken or dropped
Honor Violation Probation

A student who is on “Honor Violation Probation” is subject to, among other things:

- Ineligibility to receive a university-administered scholarship or fellowship if it is in place for more than one semester
- Ineligibility to receive an Aggie Ring, pre-register for classes, or receive a degree
- Ineligibility to represent the university to anyone outside of the university community
For Teaching Assistants

Texas A&M provides two processes that the instructor of record can utilize to report an allegation of academic misconduct

- **INSTRUCTOR PROCESS**: Disposition of case (responsibility and sanction) decided by instructor of record
- **HONOR COUNCIL PROCESS**: Disposition of case (responsibility and sanction) decided by Honor Council
- Under either process a report needs to be filed with the Aggie Honor System Office
Resources

The Aggie Honor System Office is available to give guest lectures on academic integrity and the Aggie Honor System to classes or organizations.

Visit http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu to request a lecture.

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