

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO REGULATION

DATE: April 13, 2021

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: UWF REGULATION 3.030 – *Student Code of Academic Conduct.*

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of these amendments is to make the process more efficient and user-friendly for both faculty and students.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendments to this regulation are as follows:

Throughout

- Updated gendered pronouns with more inclusive language; e.g., “student” instead of “he/she.”
- Clarified that students on the Hearing Board are “student representatives.”

Article III

- Clarified that the “Charging Party” must be a faculty member, department chair, college dean, or the Provost.

Article IV

- Added examples to the definition of “Misrepresentation,” including “circumventing or failing to utilize required online proctoring software.”

Article VI

- Added a five-day period for the charged student to decide whether to accept responsibility after the Educational Conference.

Article VII

- Updated “Student Disability Resource Center” to “Student Accessibility Resources (SAR) office.”

Article VIII

- Clarified that “University’s appeal” is an appeal to the Provost’s Office.

History Section

- Will be updated to reflect applicable changes.

AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE REGULATION: Article IX of the Florida Constitution; Florida BOG Reg. 1.001.

NAME OF UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT: Kimberly McCorkle, Vice Provost.

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. In response, the University may solicit additional written comments, schedule a public hearing, withdraw or modify the proposed regulation amendment in whole or in part after notice, or proceed with adopting the regulation amendment. The comments must identify the regulation(s) on which you are commenting.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION OR CHALLENGE: Gabriele Nokes, Paralegal and Office Manager, Office of the General Counsel at gnokes@uwf.edu, or 850-474-3420 or Office of the General Counsel, Building 10, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32514.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION: The full text of the proposed amendment to the regulation is attached below this Notice. The full text of the proposed amendment and existing regulation is also posted on UWF's website:
<https://uwf.edu/offices/board-of-trustees/regulations/>

In addition, the full text of the proposed emergency amendment to the regulation and current regulation are available upon request to the Office of the General Counsel, which can be contacted at 1.850.474.3420 or gnokes@uwf.edu.

University of West Florida Regulations UWF/REG 3.030 Student Code of Academic Conduct

Article I. General Policy and Philosophy

The University of West Florida is dedicated to the highest principles and standards of academic integrity. An academic violation by a student can negatively impact a class, program and/or college in ways that are unique to each discipline. Therefore, the University believes that the severity of an academic infraction is best evaluated by the faculty of the institution. The University seeks to offer students an opportunity to respond to allegations of academic misconduct before a decision is rendered. This regulation seeks to provide faculty and students with a fair process for addressing allegations of academic misconduct.

Academic integrity is closely related to professional ethics and requires that students honestly acknowledge their use of the ideas, words, and written work produced by any other individual, institution or source. Failure to acknowledge properly the use of another's intellectual output constitutes a form of academic misconduct.

The University of West Florida President delegates portions of the administrative functions of the Student Code of Academic Conduct to the Provost, who delegates portions of the administration of the Student Code of Academic Conduct to the Dean of Students, who may further delegate these responsibilities to other appropriate staff. All references to the Provost or Dean of Students in this Code also refer to ~~their~~[his or her](#) designee(s).

Any question of interpretation or application of the Student Code of Academic Conduct shall be referred to the Provost.

Article II. University of West Florida (UWF) Honor Code

The University of West Florida's Student Code of Academic Conduct is guided by the following Honor Code:

As Argonauts, we act with integrity. We do not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do.

Article III. Definitions

1. **Academic Misconduct Committee:** A committee consisting of students, faculty, and Dean's representatives. Undergraduate and graduate student representatives shall be appointed to a one (1) year term by the Student Government Association. Student representatives may be appointed to an unlimited number of one (1) year terms. Faculty representatives shall be appointed by the Faculty Council in each college to three (3) year terms. Dean's representatives shall be appointed by the dean of each academic college to a three (3) year term. Faculty representatives and Deans' representatives may serve no more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.
2. **Academic Misconduct Hearing Board:** Members of the Academic Misconduct Committee are assigned on a case-by-case basis to administer academic misconduct hearings, to determine if the Student Code of Academic Conduct has been violated, and to determine applicable sanctions. The Academic Misconduct Hearing Board assigned to adjudicate a particular case must consist of at least 50 percent students ~~s~~[representatives](#). The chair of the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board will be the Dean's Representative or in the event that the Dean's Representative is unavailable the Faculty Representative

- will serve as the Board Chair.
3. **Charged Student:** Any student alleged to have violated the Student Code of Academic Conduct who has been issued a written charge notification letter by the Dean of Students Office.
 4. **Charging Party:** The individual(s) alleging that the Student Code of Academic Conduct has been violated. The charging party must be a faculty member, department chair, college dean, or the Provost.
 5. **Dean of Students:** The individual designated by the Provost with responsibility for facilitating the administration of the Student Code of Academic Conduct.
 6. **Dean of Students Office:** The department designated by the Provost with responsibility for facilitating the administration of the Student Code of Academic Conduct. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) is included within the Dean of Students Office.
 7. **Department Chair:** The head of an academic department who typically reports to a Dean of an academic college. For the purposes of this code the term “department chair” may include program directors.
 8. **Faculty Member:** Any person hired by the University to conduct classroom or teaching activities or who is otherwise considered by the University to be a member of its faculty. For the purposes of this policy a faculty member may also be referred to as an instructor.
 9. **May:** The term “may” is used in the permissive sense.
 10. **More Likely than Not:** Refers to the standard of proof used in academic misconduct conduct hearings. In a hearing, the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board will determine student responsibility by a **preponderance of the evidence**, or a determination of whether it is more likely than not that the charged student violated the Student Code of Academic Conduct.
 11. **Shall:** The term “shall” is used in the imperative sense.
 12. **Student:** Includes all persons enrolled at the University of West Florida, either full-time or part-time, degree seeking or non-degree seeking, and persons who are not officially registered for courses for a particular term but who are expected to have a continuing relationship with the University, including students admitted but not yet enrolled at the University.
 13. **University:** Means all locations of the University of West Florida including the on-line campus.
 14. **University Official:** Includes any person employed by the University performing assigned administrative or professional responsibilities.
 15. **University Premises:** For the purposes of this policy, includes all land, facilities, and other property in the possession of, owned, or controlled by the University (including adjacent streets and sidewalks), including property at which University-sponsored events are held, for the duration of the event.

Article IV. Violations of the Student Code of Academic Conduct

Academic misconduct includes all acts of dishonesty in any academically related matter and any knowing or intentional assistance, attempt to assist, planning to assist, or facilitate another student to engage in an act of academic misconduct. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, each of the following acts when performed in any type of academic or academically related matter, exercise or activity:

1. **Cheating:** Using or attempting to use material or information where such use is not

expressly permitted by the instructor. Some examples include but are not limited to:

- a. Exams or quizzes
 - b. Homework/Assignments
 - c. Discussion board posts
 - d. Lab activities or reports
2. **Academic Theft:** Obtaining examinations, quizzes, or other academic materials without authorization.
 3. **Plagiarism:** Representing the words, data, works, ideas, computer program or output, or anything not self-generated as one's own. Some examples of plagiarism include but not limited to:
 - a. Copying phrases, sentences, sections, paragraphs or graphics from a source and not giving credit by properly quoting or citing the source.
 - b. Having another person write an assignment (for pay or for free) and submitting it as one's own.
 - c. Modifying or paraphrasing another's ideas or writings and submitting them as one's own.
 4. **Resubmission of Work:** Resubmitting a paper, assignment, or portion thereof that the student originally created for another assignment or course constitutes academic misconduct unless:
 - a. Both instructors in concurrent courses expressly agree to accept the same work; or
 - b. an instructor expressly agrees to accept previously submitted work.
 5. **Fabrication:** Presenting, as genuine, any invented, falsified, or inaccurate citation, data, or material.
 6. **Bribery:** The offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence a grade or other academic evaluation.
 7. **Misrepresentation:** Any act or omission taken with intent to deceive an instructor or the University so as to affect a grade, a student's academic performance or to gain admission to a program or course. Some examples of misrepresentation include but are not limited to:
 - a. Submission of falsified documentation to justify absence or unsubmitted work.
 - b. Circumventing or failing to utilize required online proctoring software.
 8. **Facilitation:** Knowingly contributing to, assisting, or planning with others to engage in Academic Misconduct, or failing to inform the proper authorities when a violation has occurred regardless of one's participation.
 9. **Violation of professional standards or ethics as defined by the academic program.**

Article V. Procedures for Determining Charges

1. If the charging party believes that a violation has been committed by a student, the charging party must complete the online Academic Misconduct Incident Report:

https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofWestFlorida&layout_id=20

2. The online Academic Misconduct Incident Report will automatically be sent to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR). The OSRR will notify the charging party

- via email if the student to be charged has any reported or previous academic misconduct violations.
3. If at any time during the Student Code of Academic Conduct process the charging party determines that either the charges are not warranted or that insufficient evidence exists to continue, the charging party will inform the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities to withdraw the charges. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will concurrently notify the charged student and charging party of the withdrawal.
 4. If an individual other than a faculty member (student, university official, other instructor) believes that a violation of the Student Code of Academic Conduct may have occurred, that individual should report the suspected violation to the applicable faculty member, department chair, college Dean, or the Office of the Provost.

Article VI. Academic Misconduct Educational Conference

1. Purpose.

The purpose of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference is for the charging party to review information and options with the charged student. The Academic Misconduct Educational Conference is not a hearing.

2. Notice of Charges.

- a. Once the charging party has completed the online Academic Misconduct Incident Report, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities shall:
 - i. Notify the charged student and charging party via email of the allegations and charge(s).
 - ii. Notify the charged student and charging party via email that the next step in the process is for the student to attend an Academic Misconduct Educational Conference to be scheduled by the charging party.
 - iii. Generate the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form to be presented to the charged student during the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference by the charging party.

3. Process.

- a. The charging party will schedule the Educational Conference with the charged student to review the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form. During the Educational Conference the charging party shall:
 - i. Provide the charged student with a copy of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form
 - ii. Review the charged student's rights.
 - iii. Describe the allegations.
 - iv. Review the supporting information that led the charging party to conclude that a violation has more likely than not been committed.
 - v. Provide the charged student with an option to respond to the allegations, if the ~~student or she~~ wishes to. [The student can also take up to five \(5\) business days before choosing whether to accept responsibility.](#)
 - vi. Answer questions regarding the Student Code of Academic Conduct; and
 - vii. Explain the proposed sanctions to the charged student.

4. Non-disciplinary Record Option.

- a. The charging party may, at ~~their his or her~~ discretion, allow the charged student's conduct not to result in a disciplinary record. This option may only be used once during the charged student's academic career.
- b. In order for the charging party to utilize the non-disciplinary record option, the

following criteria must be met:

- i. the charged student must not have been previously found “responsible” for violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct (to be confirmed by the OSRR); and
- ii. the charged student must not have any unresolved allegations of violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct (to be confirmed by the OSRR); and
- iii. the charged student must not be a graduate student alleged to have engaged in academic misconduct on a thesis or dissertation; and
- iv. the charging party must not believe that the allegation warrants suspension or expulsion from the University.

5. Non-Hearing Resolution Option.

- a. Allegations of Student Code of Academic Conduct violations may be resolved without a hearing through an Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Resolution. if all of the following conditions exist:
 - i. the charged student must participate in the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference; and
 - ii. the charged student must not be a graduate student alleged to have engaged in academic misconduct on a thesis or dissertation; and
 - iii. the charged student must sign and complete the Charged Student Options and Signature section of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form indicating that ~~the student~~~~the or she~~:
 1. accepts responsibility for the charge; and
 2. accepts the sanctions; and
 3. waives ~~the his or her~~ right to a hearing; and
 - iv. the charged student must return the completed Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form to the charging party within five (5) business days from the date of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference; and
 - v. the charging party does not believe that the allegations warrant suspension from the University, program removal, or expulsion from the University; and
 - vi. the charging party signs and completes the Charging Party Options and Signature section of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form indicating that the charging party does not request a hearing resolution.
- b. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will send a notification letter via email concurrently to the charged student and charging party documenting that the charged student has accepted responsibility for both the charges and accepts the sanctions, and that neither the charged student nor the charging party requests a hearing resolution. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities shall send this notification within ten (10) business days of receipt of the signed and completed Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form.

6. Hearing Resolution Option.

- a. Allegations of violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct may be resolved through an Academic Misconduct Committee Hearing. If any of the following conditions exist, the matter will be resolved through an Academic Misconduct Committee Hearing:

- i. the charged student does not participate in the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference; or
 - ii. the charged student is a graduate student alleged to have engaged in academic misconduct on a thesis or dissertation; or
 - iii. the charged student signs and completes the Charged Student Options and Signature section of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form indicating that ~~the student~~~~the or she~~ does not accept responsibility for the charges, or does not accept the sanctions, or that ~~the student~~~~the or she~~ requests a hearing resolution; or
 - iv. the charged student did not complete or sign the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference at the Educational Conference; or
 - v. the charging party signs and completes the Charging Party Options and Signature section of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form indicating that ~~the student~~~~the or she~~ requests a hearing resolution; or
 - vi. the charging party believes that the allegations warrant suspension or expulsion from the University.
- b. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will send a notification letter concurrently to the charged student and charging party stating that the matter will be resolved through an Academic Misconduct Committee Hearing. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities shall send this notification within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Academic Misconduct Educational Conference Form. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will schedule an Academic Misconduct Hearing providing the charged student with a minimum of five (5) business days' notice before the hearing.

Article VII Academic Misconduct Hearing

The charged student has the right to have ~~their~~~~his or her~~ case heard before the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board. The Hearing Board must be composed of at least 50 percent students ~~representatives~~. The Academic Misconduct Hearing is an educational process and is not legal in nature. Formal rules of process, procedure and/or technical rules of evidence, such as are applied in criminal or civil court, are not used in Student Code of Academic Conduct proceedings.

1. **Charged Student Hearing Notification:** The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will notify the charged student via email of the date, time and location of the hearing no fewer than five (5) business days in advance of the hearing. This notification will also advise the charged student of ~~the student's~~~~his or her~~ rights in the Student Code of Academic Conduct process. If the time or date of the Hearing is not convenient to the charged student, the charged student must submit a written request to reschedule the hearing to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities within two (2) business days of the date of the notice.
2. **Charging Party Notification:** The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will notify the charging party via email of the date, time and location of the hearing no fewer than five (5) business days in advance of the hearing.
3. **Pre-Hearing Information:** The charged student and charging party must provide the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities with a list of potential witnesses and copies of any records that ~~the student~~~~the or she~~ will present at the hearing at least three (3) business days in advance of the hearing. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will make available, upon request, by the charged student or charging

- party, pre-hearing information including a copy of the hearing procedures, records that will be presented at the hearing, and a list of potential witnesses. The pre-hearing information will be available at least three (3) business days in advance of the hearing at the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
4. **Charged Student Participation:** If the charged student fails to appear, the hearing will proceed in the charged student's absence.
 5. **Charging Party Participation:** If the charging party fails to appear, the hearing will proceed in the charging party's absence unless the charged student objects.
 6. **Charged Student's Advisor:** A charged student is entitled to have any one person at the hearing to serve as ~~an~~~~his or her~~ advisor. The charged student may consult with ~~an~~~~his or her~~ advisor during the hearing process. However, this consultation must take place in a manner that does not disrupt the proceedings. The advisor may not address any person in the hearing except the student and, therefore, cannot speak on behalf of the student, question witnesses, or serve as a witness. The name and role of the advisor must be provided to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities in writing at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting/hearing. If the advisor is an attorney, this must be disclosed at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting/hearing, as the University attorney will also be present at the meeting/hearing.
 7. **Student Advocate:** a student advocate is an individual appointed by the Student Government Association President. The student advocate is available upon request to assist students with information regarding university policies, the Student Code of Academic Conduct, disciplinary procedures, and the appeal process.
 8. **Closed Hearings:** Student Code of Academic Conduct Hearings are closed to the public and only the charged student, charging party, and the charged student's advisor, the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board, and Dean of Students may attend if applicable. Witnesses may not be present in the proceedings except to provide information to the panel.
 9. **Role of the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board Chair:** The Academic Misconduct Hearing Board Chair will preside over the hearing, manage order and decorum of the hearing, and will ensure that the hearing procedures are followed. At ~~the student's~~ ~~his or her~~ discretion, the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board Chair may:
 - a. Accept information for consideration.
 - b. Make determinations regarding requests for postponements.
 - c. Make determinations as to procedural questions. Make procedural modifications for purposes of expediting a process or in the interest of fairness or safety, such as permitting parties or witnesses to appear by phone or other means.
 - d. Exclude repetitious or irrelevant information.
 - e. Dismiss any person who is disorderly, disruptive, or non-compliant.
 - f. Take any other appropriate action deemed necessary.
 10. **Self-Incriminating Statements:** The charged student will not be compelled to make self-incriminating statements. The failure of the charged student to make incriminating statements or to answer questions because the answer would be self-incriminating shall not be considered in the determination of whether or not a student is responsible for violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct.
 11. **Information:** The charging party and the charged student will be given an opportunity to present information at the hearing. This may include, but is not limited to, witnesses, pertinent records, documents, written or oral statements, and investigative reports. The

- charged student and charging party will also be given an opportunity at the hearing to inspect records provided by the other party.
12. **Witnesses:** The charging party and the charged student may call witnesses. In order to preserve the educational atmosphere of the hearing and to avoid the creation of an adversarial environment, all questions for witnesses will be directed through the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board Chair. If a witness cannot appear, ~~the student~~
~~she~~ may submit a written statement for consideration as long as the witness' signature is notarized. Witnesses may be permitted to provide information by other means at the discretion of the Hearing Board chair. Witnesses will be permitted inside the hearing room only during their participation. Witnesses may be recalled by the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board Chair.
 13. **Past Behavior:** A charged student's past academic misconduct shall be excluded from the hearing. A charged student's past academic misconduct may only be presented after a finding of responsibility has been determined and only for the purpose of determining sanctions.
 14. **Audio Recording of Hearing:** Academic Misconduct Hearings will be audio recorded by the University. There shall be a single audio record of all hearings. This audio record is the official record and is the property of the University and will be considered part of the charged student's disciplinary record. The charged student may submit a written request to review the audio recording after ~~the student~~
~~she~~ receives the hearing decision letter.
 15. **Standard of Proof:** The burden to prove academic misconduct cases rests with the charging party and not with the charged student. The standard of proof shall be "more likely than not." This means that the information presented supports the finding that it was more likely than not that the violation occurred.
 16. **Multiple Students Charged:** In cases involving multiple students charged from the same incident, charged students will have the opportunity to have their cases heard jointly or heard separately. In those instances where cases are heard separately, information obtained at one hearing may be presented at another hearing provided that each charged student involved has the opportunity to review and respond to the information at ~~the student's~~
~~his or her~~ hearing.
 17. **Deliberations:** The decision-making process shall include only the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board members and the Dean of Students as appropriate for consultation purposes. The deliberation process is closed to all others.
 18. **Determination of Responsibility:** The Academic Misconduct Hearing Board (by majority vote) shall determine whether the charged student has violated the Student Code of Academic Conduct. A finding of "responsible" or "not responsible" shall be made for each charge.
 19. **Determination of Sanctions:** The Academic Misconduct Hearing Board will, in consultation with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, determine sanctions in those cases where the charged student is found responsible for violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct.
 20. **Hearing Decision Notification:** A written decision letter from the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will be provided to the charged student and charging party via email within ten (10) business days following the close of the hearing. This time may be extended for deliberations when necessary and the parties shall be notified of any such extensions. The decision letter shall contain a decision on each charge, any findings of fact and any sanctions.

214. **Accommodations for Disabilities:** Any student with a disability may request reasonable accommodations during the disciplinary process. If accommodations are desired, this request must be made to the ~~Student Disability Resource Center~~ [Student Accessibility Resources \(SAR\) office](#) at least three (3) business days in advance of the hearing. The charging party may request accommodations from the ADA Coordinator. If necessary, the Academic Misconduct Committee Board may postpone the hearing to provide reasonable accommodations.

Article VIII Appeal to the Office of the Provost

The student may appeal the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board's decision by filing a written appeal with the Office of the Provost within ten (10) business days of the date of the hearing decision notification letter. A student shall remain eligible to attend classes and University activities pending the [decision on the appeal to the Provost's Office](#) ~~University's appeal is concluded~~ except in cases where the sanction(s) determined by the Hearing Board include either **Suspension or Expulsion, in which case** the student's -privileges at the University, including the ability to attend classes and engage in University- activities, may be revoked. If the student fails to submit [an appeal to the Office of the Provost within ten \(10\) business days of the date of the hearing decision notification letter](#) ~~a timely appeal~~, the Academic Misconduct Hearing Board's decision will be final.

The Provost will review the appeal. Grounds for appeal are limited to the following:

1. the student's rights, as outlined in this regulation, were violated in the hearing process;
2. new information is discovered that was not available at the time of the hearing;
3. the information presented does not support the decision; or
4. the sanctions imposed were not appropriate for the violation.

If an appeal is decided in favor of the student, the Provost may take any action ~~he or she~~ [deems](#) appropriate, including but not limited to, modifying the decision and/or sanctions, remanding the case to the same Academic Misconduct Hearing Board for reconsideration, or remanding the case to a different Academic Misconduct Hearing Board for a new hearing. If an appeal is not decided in favor of the student, the matter is considered final.

A copy of the Provost's decision shall be forwarded to the student and to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for filing and for distribution to the appropriate parties.

If the final decision is a sanction of suspension or expulsion a charged student may seek judicial review of the final decision pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.190(b)(3), which is applicable to review of quasi-judicial decisions of an administrative body not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act, by filing a petition for certiorari review with the circuit court for Escambia County within thirty (30) days of the final decision of the University. If the student seeks review with the court, ~~the student~~ ~~he or she~~ [the student](#) must also provide a copy of the petition for certiorari -review to the Office of the Provost, University of West Florida, Bldg. 10, 11000 University- Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514.

Article IX Sanctions

A charged student found responsible for violation of the Student Code of Academic Conduct shall be subject to sanctions commensurate with the offense. Consideration may be given to

aggravating and mitigating circumstances, and prior academic misconduct. One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed for any single violation of the Student Code of Academic Conduct. The list below is not exhaustive and may include any other sanctions permitted by law.

1. **Expulsion:** A student who is expelled is permanently deprived of [the his or her](#) privilege to continue at the University in any capacity. A student expelled for a violation of the Student Code of Academic Conduct may not visit or come onto any UWF campus without specific written permission of the Provost. Expelled students are not in good standing.
2. **Suspension:** A student who is suspended is required to leave the University for a specified period of time. The student must comply with all sanctions and complete all requirements prior to re-admission. A student suspended for a violation of the Student Code of Academic Conduct may not visit or come onto any UWF campus without specific written permission of the Provost. Students are not in good standing while serving a suspension.
3. **Program Dismissal:** The student shall be dismissed from a University academic program.
4. **Denial of Admission, Re-admission, or further Registration:** Any future admission, re-admission, or further registration by the student shall be denied by the University.
5. **Denial or Revocation of Degree or Academic Credit:** Degrees and credit awarded by the University may be invalidated or revoked and course credit may be denied.
6. **Withhold Degree:** The University may withhold issuing a degree, diploma or transcript pending compliance with University regulations, or policies or pending completion of the process set forth in this Student Code of Academic Conduct, including the completion of all imposed sanctions.
7. **Reduction of Assignment Grade:** The student shall receive a grade reduction for a course assignment.
8. **Zero on the Assignment:** The student shall receive a grade of zero for a course assignment.
9. **Reduction of Course Grade:** The student shall receive a grade reduction for a course.
10. **“F” in the Course:** The student shall receive a grade of “F” for the course.
11. **Disciplinary Probation:** A written disciplinary sanction notifying a student that the behavior is in serious violation of University standards. Any additional violations occurring during a probationary period may result in more serious sanctions.
12. **Education Assignment:** A student may be required to complete a specified educational assignment related to the violation committed. Such educational assignments may include, but are not limited to, reflection papers, educational writing assignments, UWF Writing Lab assignments, apology letters, reports, and presentations.
13. **Academic Integrity Module:** The Academic Integrity Module is an educational program with an assessment. The student is required to achieve a score of 80 percent in order to successfully complete the module. If the student does not successfully complete the Academic Integrity Module a Hold shall be placed on the student’s records and/or registration until [the studentthe or she](#)

successfully completes the Academic Integrity Module.

Article X Withdrawal, Grade Forgiveness, Student Status, Student Standing, Holds

1. **Course Withdrawal:** A student shall not be permitted to drop or withdraw from a class in which there is an unresolved allegation of academic misconduct. A student who has been found responsible for a violation of the Student Code of Academic Conduct shall not be allowed to withdraw from the class in which the violation occurred.
2. **Student Withdrawal:** If a charged student withdraws from the University with pending or unresolved academic misconduct charges, the Student Code of Academic Conduct process will continue with or without ~~the student's~~ participation
3. **Grade Forgiveness:** The UWF Grade Forgiveness Policy may not be applied to a course in which a student has been found responsible for a violation of the Student Code of Academic Conduct resulting in a sanction of "F" in the course.
4. **Student Status:** The charged student's permanent status on campus will remain unchanged pending the final decision of the hearing process and/or any appeal.
5. **Student Standing:** A charged student who has been found responsible for academic misconduct will not be in good standing and will remain out of good standing until all issued sanctions have been completed in accordance with the conditions set forth in the official notification letter from the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
6. **Holds:** The University may place a hold on the records or registration of any student who fails to respond to a charge notice or fulfill any sanctions previously issued by the University. The University may take other action necessary for resolution of a case prior to the student's enrollment in a subsequent semester, transfer or graduation. All pending academic misconduct matters must be resolved prior to the release of a student's transcript, a student's graduation or transfer from the University of West Florida.

Article XI Records

1. A Charged Student found "responsible" for violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct is considered to have an academic misconduct disciplinary record.
2. A Charged Student found "not responsible" for violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct is considered not to have an academic misconduct disciplinary record.
3. A Charged Student with unresolved allegations of violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct is considered not to have an academic misconduct disciplinary record, for that case.
4. A Student who was charged with violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct where the charging party has withdrawn all charges is considered not to have an academic misconduct disciplinary record, for that case.
5. A Charged Student found "responsible" for violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct where the charging party has utilized the non-disciplinary record option is considered not to have an academic misconduct disciplinary record, for that case.
6. A Charged Student found "responsible" for violating the Student Code of Academic Conduct that does not result in a suspension or expulsion shall have ~~their~~ records expunged seven years after the date of the final decision. Records of cases that result in suspensions or expulsions are retained permanently.
7. Statistical and database information may be retained permanently by the University.
8. Records will be maintained by the University in accordance with 1002.225, F.S. and with applicable State record retention laws.
9. **Transcript Notations.**

- a. A temporary notation shall be placed on the student's transcript for a student who is found responsible for a violation with a resulting sanction of suspension. The notation will remain during the period of suspension and will be removed upon the completion of the suspension.
- b. A permanent notation shall be placed on the student's transcript for a student who is found responsible for a violation with a resulting sanction of expulsion.

Article XII Review of the Student Code of Academic Conduct Regulation The University Academic Misconduct regulation shall be reviewed every three years under the direction of the Provost, by a committee composed of at least 50 percent students.

Specific Authority: Board of Governors Regulation 6.0105; sections 1006.60, 1006.62 FS.

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