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# Federal Compliance Form

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Wichita State University Policies and Procedures Manual

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## Appendix B

### 2.17 / Student Academic Honesty

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**Additional information:**



# Policies and Procedures

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this statement is to comply with Board of Regents policies regarding Student Academic Honesty.

### **Preamble:**

The Board of Regents believes that academic dishonesty is inimical to the fundamental ideas of public higher education. Furthermore, the Board believes that public higher education has a mission to develop the moral reasoning abilities of students and to promote the importance of integrity in all aspects of student life, but particularly in academics. Therefore, it is the policy of the Kansas Board of Regents that student academic dishonesty not be tolerated on the campuses of the Regents institutions.

Board of Regents policy requires that Wichita State University implement and promote specific policies, procedures and programs which seek to: (i) identify prohibited academic conduct by students; (ii) educate all students, faculty and administrators with regard to the nature, impact and consequences of student academic dishonesty; (iii) effectively report and seek to reduce such behaviors; (iv) provide for due process for students accused of academic dishonesty; (v) set forth clear sanctions, ranging from reprimand to dismissal from the university, for students who have committed acts of academic dishonesty; and (vi) implement a comprehensive and integrated plan to promote academic integrity among students, faculty and administrators.

### **Policy Statement:**

1. Opportunities for learning at Wichita State University involve the students' right to express their views and to take reasoned exception to the views of faculty; to examine all questions felt to be appropriate to a course of study; to be protected from improper disclosure or ridicule of their views and beliefs; to be tested and assessed in a fair and impartial manner; and to be treated with dignity and respect. Students are responsible, however, for learning the content of any course of study as outlined by their instructors, regardless of any views or judgments privately held and for demonstrating their attainment and performance regarding a course of study in an honest manner.

2. A standard of academic honesty, fairly applied to all students, is essential to a learning environment. Students who compromise the integrity of the classroom are subject to disciplinary action by their instructor, their department, their college and/or the University. Violations of classroom standards of academic honesty include, but are not limited to:

- a. Cheating in any form, whether in formal examinations or elsewhere.
- b. Using or submitting the work of others as one's own original work without assigning proper credit to the source.
- c. Misrepresentation of any work done in or out of the classroom or in preparation for class.
- d. Falsification, forgery or alteration of any documents pertaining to academic records.
- e. Colluding with others in an effort to obtain a grade or credit not truly reflective of what the student knows or has learned.

Students violating such standards must accept the consequences and appropriately assessed penalties, which may include reprimand, a failing grade, or suspension or dismissal from an academic program or the University. Students accused of abridging a standard of academic honesty will be provided with mechanisms for review and appeal of decisions regarding allegations of academic misconduct.

3. The fundamental responsibility for the maintenance of the standards of academic honesty rests with each student. It is each student's responsibility to be familiar with University policy on academic honesty and to uphold standards of academic honesty at all times and in all situations.
4. Faculty members need to be aware of the possibility of academic misconduct, watchful for any instances of academic misconduct and diligent in addressing those who do not maintain the standards of academic honesty.
5. Faculty members are responsible for clarification to their classes of the expectations and requirements relative to academic honesty for class assignments or projects. Each faculty member shall also make clear to each class the faculty member's individual policy toward penalties given for breaches of academic honesty.
6. If a faculty member alleges a violation of the University's standard of academic honesty, but imposes no academic sanction, no official follow-up is required. The faculty member should discuss her or his concern with the student and may also provide an opportunity for the student to redo the assignment or retake the examination.
7. When a faculty member has reasonable good faith belief that a student or students have committed academic misconduct, that faculty member has the sole discretion to give the student an "F" on the assignment/test on which the student[s] committed academic misconduct or an "F" for the entire course. If the student does not contest the allegation, no further action need be taken. If the student wishes to contest the allegation and/or the grade (for the course or the assignment/test), the student shall contact the Dean of the faculty member's School or College, who will refer the matter for review by an individual appointed by the Dean. The reviewer shall provide a report and recommendations to the Dean within fifteen (15) class days. The Dean shall then have ten (10) class days to act upon the report and recommendation and the Dean's decision regarding the grade (for the course or the assignment/test) shall be final. The Dean shall share her/his decision with the student, Vice President for Student Affairs, Provost and Senior Vice President, Dean of the student's School or College (if different) and the faculty member.
8. If the Dean recommends that more severe sanctions should be imposed and/or the Vice President for Student Affairs determines that more severe sanctions, including suspension or expulsion from the University should be implemented, the Vice President for Student Affairs will implement disciplinary procedures as set forth in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

**Implementation:**

This policy shall be included in the *WSU Policies and Procedures Manual* and shared with appropriate constituencies of the University.

The Provost and Senior Vice President and the Vice President for Student Affairs shall have shared responsibility for publication, dissemination and implementation of this University policy.

**Effective Date:**

July 14, 2010



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