

Texas A&M University-Commerce
College of Business and Technology
Academic Honesty Policy

Statement of Ethical and Professional Conduct:

The College of Business and Technology at Texas A&M University-Commerce faculty, staff and students will follow the highest level of ethical and professional behavior. We will strive to be recognized as a community with legal, ethical and moral principles and to teach and practice professionalism in all that we do.

In an academic environment we will endeavor to not only teach these values but also to live them in our daily lives and work. Faculty and staff will be held to the same standards and expectations as our students.

Failure to abide by these principles will result in sanctions up to and including dismissal.

Actionable Conduct:

There are five different types of actions that will bring sanction. They are:

1. **Illegal activity:** Violation of any local, state or federal laws that prohibit the offender from performance of his or her duty.
2. **Dishonest Conduct:** Seeking or obtaining unfair advantage by stealing or receiving copies of tests or intentionally preventing others from completing their work. In addition falsifying of records to enter or complete a program will also be considered dishonest conduct.
3. **Cheating:** The unauthorized use of another's work and reporting it as your own.
4. **Plagiarism:** Using someone else's ideas and not giving proper credit.
5. **Collusion:** Acting with others to perpetrate any of the above actions regardless of personal gain.

Sanctions:

In the case of staff or faculty the immediate supervisor will be the arbiter of actionable behavior and will use Texas A&M University-Commerce and/or Texas A&M University System Policy and Procedures as appropriate to guide sanctions.

Faculty, guided by clearly delineated policy in the course syllabus, will be the arbiter for in-class violations. All violations will be reported to the Dean of the College of Business and Technology to assure equity and to provide appropriate counsel. In addition, the Dean will maintain records of violations by students. Second violations will be reviewed by the Dean and sanctions beyond those of the faculty up to and including suspension and permanent expulsion from Texas A&M University-Commerce will be considered. Faculty and students are guided by the current undergraduate and graduate catalogs of the University as well as The Student's Guidebook.

Faculty, staff and students will always be afforded due process and review as appropriate.

Print Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____