San Francisco State University College of Business
Undergraduate Academic Standards

San Francisco State University College of Business (SF State CoB) regards incidents of academic misconduct as serious matters. The following explains what academic misconduct is and outlines the consequences of academic misconduct.

A. Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct is defined as follows:

1. Cheating: Any unauthorized attempt to offer or obtain assistance in a formal academic exercise (e.g., an examination or class exercise); assuming another student's identity with intent to provide an advantage for the student; copying, in part or in whole, from another's test or other evaluation instrument; submitting work previously presented in another course, if contrary to the rules of either course.

2. Plagiarism: The unauthorized use (i.e., representing as one’s own work) or reproduction or close imitation of original creations (ideas, words, sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof; or artistic/scholarly works such as computer programs, photographs, or similar works) of another author (person, group, organization, including anonymous authors) without due acknowledgment (accepted standards of citation or reference of the original source of the used or quoted content).

3. Fabrication: The distortion of data, information, or citations in any formal academic exercise or altering grading or grading instructions.

4. Deception: Providing false information to an instructor concerning a formal academic exercise—e.g., giving a false excuse for missing a deadline, falsely claiming to have submitted work, or submitting false information regarding internships.

B. Disciplinary Sanctions

Two major types of sanctions may be imposed for any academic misconduct: Academic and Administrative. Academic sanctions are actions concerned with the coursework and grades which are the jurisdiction of the instructor. Administrative sanctions are related to a student's status on campus and are governed by the Office of Student Conduct. The imposition of one form of sanction will not rule out the imposition of the other.

1. Academic Sanctions: Upon verification of academic misconduct by personal observation and/or documentation, an instructor reserves the right to take one or more of the following academic actions:

   i. Reprimand: A verbal or written notification of unacceptable behavior, violating the student honor code. Reprimand may be considered for any academic misconduct at the discretion of an instructor.

   ii. Modification of Grade: A student may be failed in the evaluation instrument (assignment or exam), may receive a reduced course grade, or may fail the course.

2. Administrative Sanctions: As stipulated in Executive Order 1074, the instructor shall prepare an email that identifies the student who was found responsible, the general nature of the offense, the action taken, and a recommendation as to whether or not disciplinary action should be considered. This email should be sent to the Director of Student Conduct (conduct@sfsu.edu). As stipulated in the California Code of Regulations, Section 41301, academic misconduct at a campus may warrant expulsion, suspension, probation or a lesser sanction.