1.0 COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

The LSU Commitment to Community provides a guiding ethos to the University community. Students are encouraged to exemplify the Commitment to Community in their daily lives.

Louisiana State University is an interactive community in which Students, faculty, and staff together strive to pursue truth, advance learning, and uphold the highest standards of performance in an academic and social environment.

It is a community that fosters individual development and the creation of bonds that transcend the time spent within its gates.

To demonstrate my pride in LSU, as a member of its community, I will:

- accept responsibility for my actions;
- hold myself and others to the highest standards of academic, personal, and social integrity;
- practice justice, equality, and compassion in human relations;
- respect the dignity of all persons and accept individual differences;
- respect the environment and the rights and property of others and the University;
- contribute positively to the life of the campus and surrounding community; and
- use my LSU experience to be an active citizen in an international and interdependent world.

The continued success of LSU depends on the faithful commitment by each community member to these, our basic principles. (Adopted May 1995)

The full text of the Commitment is available at http://saa.lsu.edu/commitment-community.

2.0 GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University has the legal right to establish standards for academic and personal conduct for continued membership in the University community, to deny membership to those who do not meet these standards, and to impose outcomes and discipline on Students who are found in violation of these standards.

Within the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Advocacy and Accountability (SAA) is responsible for administering this Code. SAA cannot make public comment on any individual’s case, as per the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act a/k/a FERPA (see 20 USC § 1232g). However, in limited circumstances, as required or allowed by law, information relative to certain incidents and case statistics may be disclosed. (See 20 USC §1092f and 20 USC §1232g)
The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee will initiate periodic reviews of the Code and recommend changes to the Chancellor.

The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee shall be comprised of the following 18 members appointed by the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Life and Enrollment:

Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Enrollment, the Dean of Students, a SAA Staff member, and 15 at-large members from the University Community. The at-large members must include 5 faculty members, 5 staff members, and 5 students. The Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Enrollment shall chair the committee. Continued service is at the discretion of the Office of the Vice Chancellor.

Upon request by the Vice Chancellor of Student Life and Enrollment, any 10 of the 18 members shall constitute a quorum and thereby can conduct University business. No member of the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee may serve by proxy.

3.0 STATEMENT OF POLICY

3.1 General Rights and Responsibilities

All Students are bound by this Code of Student Conduct, Bylaws and Regulations of the Board of Supervisors, University Policy Statements and Permanent Memoranda. Any Student found in violation of the aforementioned policies may be held accountable and be subject to the Accountability process outlined in this document. The LSU Code of Student Conduct, “the Code”, can be found at http://www.saa.lsu.edu/.

3.2 Purpose of the LSU Code of Student Conduct

The purpose of the Code is to engage Students on issues of community membership, encourage responsible decision making, promote academic integrity, safeguard the health and welfare of all members of the University community, and protect University property.

Faculty and staff are required to follow the procedures outlined in this Code when they become aware of behavior that may violate the standards of this Code. These procedures are an important part of the educational process.

3.3 Implementation of Rights

The Code is the University’s document governing Student conduct and the Student Accountability process. All discipline imposed upon a Student must be in accordance with the provisions of this Code, except a student found to have engaged in research misconduct pursuant to Policy Statement 69 -- Research Misconduct shall be subject to sanctions, administrative actions or conditions imposed by the Deciding Official. A Student’s failure to adhere to any professional and/or ethical requirements of a particular program may be considered and addressed pursuant to written program guidelines or requirements. To the extent the conduct at issue may also constitute a violation of this Code, faculty and staff must refer the matter to SAA. SAA may delegate its authority to resolve potential Behavioral Misconduct violations by residents of University housing to the Department of Residential Life for resolution through its accountability process utilizing the standards set forth in this Code.

Student responsibility will be determined using a standard of a preponderance of the evidence or more likely than not. Evidentiary rules applicable to civil and criminal cases shall not apply to University Accountability proceedings. Pertinent information regarding any alleged violation may be considered. A finding of responsibility must be supported by the available information.
4.0 DEFINITIONS

The listed terms and phrases are defined as follows:

4.1 Academic Misconduct

Those violations detailed in the Code that are specific to Academic Student behavior. Certain conduct may constitute both Academic and Behavioral Misconduct.

4.2 Accountability Meeting

An opportunity for the Charged Student to address the allegations and charges with a SAA Official.

4.3 Accountability Outcome

The Accountability Outcome, or Outcome, identifies an Accountability resolution and any requirements, restrictions, or change in Student status that have been assigned to the Student by the SAA Official or University Hearing Panel (UHP).

4.4 Advisor

A Student has the right to have one Advisor of his/her choice present during any Accountability meeting. The Advisor may not have personal involvement regarding any facts or circumstances of the alleged misconduct.

The Advisor's only function shall only be to assist and consult with the Student regarding an Accountability meeting or UHP. The Advisor may not act as a spokesperson for the Student and may not directly address the SAA official, UHP members, or Material Observers. The Advisor may be an attorney, but participation shall be limited as stated above.

4.5 Behavioral Misconduct

Those violations detailed in the Code that are specific to non-Academic Student behavior. Certain conduct may constitute both Academic and Behavioral Misconduct.

4.6 Campus

Campus includes all land, buildings, property, and facilities in the possession of, owned by, used by, or controlled by the University, regardless of contiguity or proximity. This includes land leased to others, property owned, managed or maintained by the University, and all streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public ways adjacent to any land of the University or the land upon which housing is located even if the housing is not owned by the University.

4.7 Chancellor

The term "Chancellor" refers to the person holding this position within the University. The Chancellor may delegate the authority to perform any of the duties assigned to him or her in this Code.

4.8 Charge Letter

The written notice sent to a Student of the allegations and corresponding Code sections to be addressed.
Charged Student or Charged Organization

A Student or Registered Student Organization who has received notice of allegations detailing a potential violation of the Code, contract, Bylaws and Regulations of the Board of Supervisors, Policy Statement, or Permanent Memoranda.

Dean of Students

The term "Dean of Students" or "the Dean" refers to the person holding this position within the University. The Dean may delegate the authority to perform any of the duties assigned to him or her in this Code. To the extent necessary, the Dean shall decide any question related to interpretation or application of this Code.

Instructor

The term “Instructor” includes but is not limited to Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Adjunct Faculty, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Teaching Assistant, or other professional charged with oversight of a lab, class, section, or course for academic credit at LSU.

Material Observer

A person who has knowledge of facts or circumstances pertaining to an alleged violation.

Not Responsible

The finding that indicates a Student is not in violation of the Code.

Referral

A written complaint against a Student or Registered Student Organization forwarded to SAA. A referral may be submitted by any individual(s). Anonymous referrals may be considered at the discretion of SAA.

Reporting Party

The individual(s) who submit a Referral against a Student or Registered Student Organization alleging potential misconduct under the Code.

Responsible

The finding or acknowledgment that indicates a Student is in violation of the Code.

Student

For the purpose of this Code, any person admitted to LSU or enrolled or scheduled to be enrolled in a course for academic credit through LSU. This includes any person attempting to fulfill requirements for academic credit through LSU, even if not currently enrolled.

This definition does not include LSU Laboratory School students except when attempting to fulfill requirements for course credit through LSU.

Student Advocacy and Accountability (SAA) and SAA Official
SAA is the office and staff responsible for the implementation and administration of the Code. An SAA Official is a person assigned by SAA to oversee and implement the provisions of this Code.

4.19 University or LSU

University or LSU refers to Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

4.20 University Hearing Panel (UHP)

A group of individuals with responsibility under this Code to hear a case referred by a SAA official or after a Student has declined an Accountability Outcome. A member of the UHP shall be designated as the panel chair.

4.21 Written Communication

Written correspondence generated by SAA, including but not limited to email. Any correspondence sent to a Student’s University issued email address shall constitute actual notice under this Code.

5.0 JURISDICTION OF THE CODE

5.1 Jurisdiction of the Code

The LSU Code of Student Conduct shall apply to conduct that occurs on the LSU campus, at LSU sponsored activities, and/or when the Student is representing LSU. The University shall have discretion to extend jurisdiction over conduct that occurs off campus when the conduct adversely and significantly affects the learning environment or University community and would be in violation of the Code if the conduct had occurred on campus. In determining whether or not to extend jurisdiction, the University may consider its ability to gather information. The University may extend jurisdiction if the alleged conduct:

A. Involved violence or produced a reasonable fear of physical harm; and/or
B. Involved any other members of the University community or any academic work, records, documents, or property of the University.

Each Student shall be responsible for his/her conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of a degree, though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end, as well as during the academic year and during periods between terms of actual enrollment and even if the conduct is not discovered until after a degree is awarded.

5.2 Violation of Law and LSU Policy

Proceedings may be instituted against a Student charged with conduct that potentially violates both the law and the Code without regard to the status of any civil or proceedings in court or any criminal arrest and prosecution. Proceedings under this Code may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following any civil or criminal proceedings.

6.0 STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 Rights of a Charged Student

A Student charged with a violation under this Code shall have the following rights:
A. To be notified through written communication of the specific allegation(s) and charge(s).

B. To be provided a reasonable amount of time to respond to the Charge Letter.

C. To refuse to comment or answer questions.

D. To present information and/or Material Observers.

E. To have the Charge(s) considered by a UHP, unless this right has been waived by the Student.

F. Per Policy Statement 30 -- Student Privacy Rights, to schedule a time prior to a UHP to inspect and review the information on which the Charge(s) are based.

G. To accept the Accountability Outcome(s) imposed, thereby waiving the right to have the Charge(s) considered by a UHP.

H. To have an Accountability Outcome imposed that is commensurate with the violation.

I. To have an Advisor present during an Accountability meeting.

J. To receive a list of all Material Observers to be called by the University at least two (2) business days prior to a UHP. However, a UHP may continue the proceedings to allow the University to identify Material Observers to rebut any information presented by the Student.

K. To retain rights as a Student while the charges are being considered, and, if found Responsible, until he or she has exhausted his or her rights of appeal as established in this Code. However, a Student may be subject to an Interim Suspension or limitations or conditions as set forth in this Code.

6.2 Responsibilities of a Charged Student

Student(s) charged shall have the following responsibilities:

A. To be honest.

B. To schedule an appointment with the SAA Official within five (5) business days from the time of issuance of the Charge Letter.

C. To respond to or acknowledge all written communications and diligently participate in the Accountability process.

6.3 Rights and Responsibilities of a Charged Student During a UHP

A. To request that a member or members of a UHP be excluded from the Panel for good cause clearly established by the Student. The Student must make the request immediately after the introduction of the members of the UHP. The decision to exclude the UHP member(s) shall be at the sole discretion of the Dean of Students.

B. To present information on his or her own behalf. The Charged Student must provide copies of any documents to the hearing panel members. Additionally, any information to be presented during the hearing must be presented to the SAA office at least one (1) business day in advance of the hearing. This includes any item(s) that will be provided to the UHP in either hard copy, digitally, or presentation format.
C. To present Material Observers on his or her own behalf. A list of all Material Observers to be called by the Charged Student must be presented to SAA no less than one (1) business day prior to the hearing.

D. To conduct reasonable questioning of the Material Observers appearing at the hearing and/or providing statements. Whenever possible, Material Observers will present oral instead of written statements. Oral statements, written statements, previously written memoranda, letters, and/or other written materials may be presented at a hearing even if the Material Observer is not present and the ability to question him or her was not possible at the time the written materials were prepared. The UHP may limit any questions or responses to pertinent information and/or to maintain order, avoid repetition or prevent harassment or unnecessary embarrassment. The UHP may require that the Charged Student present his/her questions in writing for a member to ask.

E. To request assistance from SAA in bringing Students or University employees of his or her choice to the UHP to serve as Material Observers. The Student may request that SAA assist in obtaining information from the University that is pertinent to the charge.

F. To have his or her information kept private to the extent allowed by law. All UHPs are private. The individual(s) allowed into the UHP are the Charged Student(s), Material Observer(s), the Advisor for each Charged Student, UHP Members, and the SAA Official(s). Material Observers may be included or excluded at the discretion of the panel chair. Material Observers and non-voting panel participants may only be present during the portion of the hearing in which they answer questions and/or provide information relevant to the charge(s). Only voting UHP members remain during panel deliberations.

G. To have prior violations of the Code excluded from review or consideration during the Panel's determination of Responsibility for the present charge(s), unless it is presented to directly rebut claims by the Student that he or she has not previously engaged in Misconduct. If a Charged Student is found Responsible, prior violations of the Code may be considered when the SAA Official or UHP is determining the Outcome(s).

H. Per Policy Statement 30 -- Privacy Rights of Students, to schedule a time to listen to the recording of the UHP proceedings. Only the University may record the UHP proceedings.

I. To Appeal any UHP Outcome as detailed in this Code.

6.4 Proceeding in Absentia

A. In the event a Student fails to attend an Accountability meeting, a SAA Official may proceed without the Charged Student in attendance.

B. The UHP may proceed without the Charged Student in attendance. If the Dean of Students determines that the Student's failure to appear was due to compelling circumstances, the Dean of Students may require that a new UHP be scheduled.

6.5 Rights of a Victim

A. Any and all rights extended to a Student under Sections 6.1 and 6.2 are extended to a Victim in cases of Physical Violence, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, and/or Stalking.

B. To the extent allowed by law, the alleged victim of any act(s) of violence or harassment will be notified of the Outcome of the hearing involving his/her specific case.
C. When participating in an Accountability meeting or UHP, the Victim may use conference call, written statement, video/recording, closed-circuit television, privacy screen or other measure for his or her safety and/or wellness. The Dean of Students may require that the Victim respond to reasonable questions requested by the Charged Student in a format determined by the Dean of Students.

D. Impact Statements – The Victim is entitled to submit a written or verbal statement for consideration by the SAA Official and UHP during the Outcome phase of the Hearing.

7.0 ACCOUNTABILITY PROCEDURES

7.1 Non-Discriminatory Application of Accountability Procedures

Application of this Code shall be based on the principle of equal treatment without regard to race, creed, color, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, or veteran status.

7.2 Initiation of Accountability Process

A. Accountability Referral

Any person who has a reasonable basis to believe that a Student may have committed a violation of this Code shall submit all such information to SAA. This submission may be in writing or communicated orally. In addition, official reports from LSU Police Department, Residential Life, any University department, and other law enforcement entities will also be accepted.

B. Investigation by a SAA Official

A SAA Official may investigate any alleged or potential Misconduct. This investigation can include meeting(s) with a Reporting Party, interviews of persons who may have knowledge pertaining to the facts and circumstances, and other types of information collection. The investigation can begin before or after a Charge Letter has been issued.

C. Disqualification of SAA Official

In the event the SAA Official may be a Material Observer in an Accountability Proceeding or for any reason cannot perform his or her duties under these Accountability Procedures, the Dean of Students shall appoint another person to perform such duties.

7.3 Requiring a Student to Meet

A. The SAA Official may require a Student to meet and/or attend a hearing in connection with an alleged or potential violation by sending an email to the Student’s University email or other address.

B. The SAA Official may prohibit and/or cancel the enrollment of, place a hold on the Student’s records, or proceed to an Accountability meeting or a UHP when a Student fails, without good cause, to comply with a directive made under this Code. The modification to the Student’s enrollment status may be lifted at the discretion of the SAA Official when the Student complies with the directive.

7.4 Administration of Charges
The SAA Official shall review each Referral. Based on the review, the SAA Official may decide on an appropriate course of action including, but not limited to:

1. Take no action;
2. Request to meet the Charged Student through an Accountability Meeting, and, if found Responsible, issue an Outcome to the Student;
3. Initiate an Accountability proceeding before a UHP;
4. Hold the Referral for further investigation; or
5. Refer the matter to Residential Life for consideration.

If SAA decides to take no action, this does not preclude the SAA Official from revisiting the Referral at a later date.

8.0 ACCOUNTABILITY HEARINGS

8.1 Accountability Meeting with an Administrator

A. Most cases begin with an administrative Accountability Meeting between a SAA official and the Charged Student(s).

B. For the matter to be resolved administratively, the Student must agree to accept the recommendation of the SAA Official by doing the following:
   1. Accept Responsibility for his or her conduct and the Outcome in writing; and
   2. Waive his or her right to have the case considered by a UHP.

C. The SAA official may refer a matter directly to a UHP for resolution.

8.2 University Hearing Panel (UHP)

UHP hears alleged violations under this Code referred by the Dean of Students or the SAA Official.

If a Charged Student declines the SAA Outcome or the SAA official declines to issue an Outcome, the matter will be referred to a UHP.

9.0 UHP COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES

9.1 Faculty and Staff Members of the UHP

Faculty and staff members shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor of Student Life and Enrollment to the UHP. Appointments of faculty and staff members to the UHP shall be made annually and as needed. The Faculty and Staff members may be reappointed for additional terms.

9.2 Student Members of the UHP

Student members shall be appointed annually and as needed, by SAA, for a 1-year term. Student members may be reappointed for additional terms. Student members of the UHP may not be on any
type of Probation, Deferred Suspension, and/or academic probation or warning during the time of his/her service on the UHP.

9.3 Composition

A. Three voting members of the UHP shall constitute a quorum; one of the three members must be a Student and one must be a faculty member. The UHP can be comprised of a maximum of five voting members. One panel member will serve as the panel chair.

B. When, in the judgment of the SAA Official, the subject matter of a proceeding makes it advisable to request the participation of person(s) with special knowledge or technical expertise, the SAA official may appoint such persons to serve as a Material Observer. This person will serve as a resource and may provide relevant information during the hearing.

C. In cases involving Academic Misconduct, a representative of the college in which the Student is enrolled shall bring to the hearing the Charged Student's complete academic record. This representative shall serve as a Material Observer and will be available to provide relevant information during the hearing.

9.4 Procedures

A. A Charged Student will be notified in writing of the time, date, and place of the UHP.

B. If the Student fails to appear, he or she will be deemed to have forfeited his or her right to respond before a UHP. The UHP may proceed in absentia.

C. The SAA Official who participated in an investigation or an Accountability Meeting may participate in the hearing as a Material Observer.

D. An Outcome by the UHP finding the Student Responsible for a violation of this Code shall be based solely on the information presented at the hearing.

E. Past violation(s) may not be introduced or considered in the deliberation of Responsibility for the violation unless it is presented to directly rebut claims by the Student that he or she has not previously engaged in misconduct. If the Charged Student is found Responsible for the violation, record of past violation(s) may be considered by the UHP in determining an Outcome.

F. The UHP may elect not to hear persons not previously identified as Material Observers.

G. Hearsay may be considered during the Hearing.

H. A majority vote of the Panel members present is required to find a Student Responsible and/or Not Responsible for violation(s) of the Code.

I. The Dean of Students may establish additional procedures for the UHP.

9.5 Alternate UHP Composition and Procedures

The SAA Official may use an Alternate UHP to consider charges of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, physical endangerment, harassment, stalking, and in other situations, where the emotional or mental health of the victim or charged student is implicated. An Alternate UHP shall consist of three members. There must be at least one Student member, one faculty member and one member serving as Chair. Alternate UHP shall be chosen in the same manner as UHP members; however, prior to serving,
members are required to attend additional specialized training developed and facilitated by the SAA staff. Members will also serve under the same parameters as UHP members. The SAA Official will determine use of an Alternate UHP.

10.0 MISCONDUCT

10.1 Academic Misconduct

High standards of academic integrity are crucial for the University to fulfill its educational mission. To uphold these standards, procedures have been established to address Academic Misconduct. LSU Students are responsible for submitting work for evaluation that reflects their performance. If the Student has a question regarding the instructor’s expectations for assignments, projects, tests, or other items submitted for a grade, it is the Student’s responsibility to seek clarification from the instructor.

In accordance with the LSU Faculty Handbook, an instructor may not assign a disciplinary grade, such as an "F" or zero on an assignment, test examination, or course as a sanction for admitted or suspected Academic Misconduct in lieu of referring the Student to SAA under the provisions of this Code. Grades assigned as a result of Academic Misconduct must be in accordance with this Code.

A Student found Responsible for Academic Misconduct may NOT drop the course in which the violation occurred or retake the course pursuant to the University’s grade exclusion policy without written permission of the SAA office. Any Student who drops the course without written permission from SAA will be re-enrolled in the class and then given the appropriate grade post Outcome.

A Student may be charged with Academic Misconduct for the following acts or omissions:

A. **Collaboration**

Unauthorized interaction between two or more individuals on any academic work by giving, receiving, or otherwise sharing information without permission of the instructor;

B. **Collusion**

Communicating with another Student(s) or other individual(s) during an examination or assignment without the permission of the instructor;

C. **Copying**

Copying from another Student's academic work; assisting with Copying by making answers or other completed assignments available, in whole or part, to another Student, whether or not the recipient’s intentions to copy were known to the Student prior to the sharing;

D. **Failure to Follow Course Requirements**

Failure to adhere to standards of conduct for academic integrity that are promulgated by an academic unit and/or instructors;

E. **False information**

Falsifying and/or fabricating any information, data, or citation in any academic work;

F. **Misrepresentation**
Misleading an instructor as to the condition under which the work was prepared including, but not limited to, substituting for another Student or permitting another person to substitute for oneself on any academic work;

G. Other Academic Misconduct

Attempting to commit, or assisting someone in the commission or attempted commission of an offense defined in this section, or any other act of Academic Misconduct;

H. Plagiarism

Lack of appropriate citation, or the unacknowledged inclusion of someone else's words, structure, ideas, or data; failure to identify a source, or the submission of essentially the same work for two assignments without permission of the instructor(s);

I. Unauthorized Materials

Using materials, techniques or devices on an academic assignment that are prohibited; having any forbidden and unauthorized material in sight during a test/quiz will be considered utilization of the material;

10.2 Behavioral Misconduct

A Student may be charged with Behavioral Misconduct for any of the following conduct:

A. Alcohol

Unlawful or unauthorized possession, use, distribution, delivery, or sale of alcohol and/or public intoxication; consumption that endangers oneself; or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol;

B. Complicity

Attempting to commit, knowingly permitting, encouraging, or assisting others with the commission or attempted commission of any act, omission or conduct prohibited under this Code;

C. Computer Misuse

Unauthorized access or entry into a computer, computer system, network, software, or data; alteration of computer equipment, software, network or data; failing to comply with laws, license agreements, and contracts governing network, software and hardware use; using University computing resources for prohibited activities; using University computing resources for unauthorized solicitation or commercial purposes or any violation of LSU computer policies;

D. Disorderly Conduct

Behavior that impairs or interferes with the orderly functions or processes of the University and/or the reasonable safety, security, or use of members of the University community;

E. Disruption/Obstruction

Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, Accountability proceeding, or other University activities and/or the performance of duties of University personnel or contractors;
F. Drugs

Possession, use, public intoxication, sharing, furnishing or distribution of illegal drugs, intoxicants, controlled substances and/or drug paraphernalia; including the distribution, use or possession of prescription medications contrary to a valid prescription;

G. Endangerment

Physical abuse or force against one’s self, another individual, or group, or the reasonable apprehension or threat of such harm; conduct that endangers the health, safety, or well-being of one’s self or another person or group;

H. Failure to Comply

Defying the order or instruction of an authorized person on behalf of the University and/or any University policy, contract, mandate or rule;

I. False Information

Providing false information to a law enforcement officer, to the University or a University official, or making an intentional or reckless misrepresentation which creates an unfair advantage or is reasonably likely to damage, mistreat or harm another;

J. Forgery

Altering, falsifying, or otherwise misrepresenting documents to or relating to any University official or office;

K. Harassment

Repeated, persistent, severe or pervasive actions directed toward specific individual(s) with the intent or effect to harass, harm, or alarm, including attempted or threatened physical contact, or acts that create the reasonable apprehension of unwanted contact;

L. Hazing

Any reckless act or activity occurring on or off campus, by one person alone or acting with others, directed toward one or more Students, that subjects that Student(s) to an unreasonable risk, sensation or fear of physical, mental, emotional, and/or academic harm for reasons related to that Student’s status at the University.

The same act(s) listed above that occur for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any registered organization or group whose members are or include other Students at the University.

The intent of any person engaging in hazing activities or the consent or cooperation of any person who is a victim of hazing does not negate a potential violation of the Code. The definition will include any aspect in Policy Statement 108 -- Prohibition of Hazing;

M. Identity Misuse
Illegal or unauthorized use of an identification card, password, access code or number; including, but not limited to permitting another Student or non-Student to use a University issued identification card; alteration or sale of an identification card;

N. Offensive Behavior

Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct, including, but not limited to, nudity or sexually explicit behavior that would reasonably be offensive to others;

O. Property Misuse

Intentional or reckless destruction, defacement or damage to University property or to the property of any individual or group; unauthorized entry or use of any property or facility;

P. Safety

Tampering with or unapproved activation of any safety equipment and/or warning system; setting or causing a fire; engaging in dangerous activities contrary to posted or verbal warnings;

Q. Sales & Solicitation

Unauthorized or prohibited solicitation, sale, fundraising, canvassing, distribution or posting of any written material, electronic mail, web, or printed material;

R. Sexual Harassment

Repeated, severe, or pervasive actions of a sexual nature directed toward specific individual(s) with the intent or effect to embarrass, harass or alarm, including actual, attempted or threatened physical contact, or acts that create a reasonable apprehension of such behavior, conduct or contact of a sexual nature that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive campus, educational, or working environment for another person;

S. Sexual Misconduct

Any sexual act or contact of a sexual nature that occurs, regardless of personal relationship, without the consent of the other person(s), or that occurs when the person(s) is unable to give consent or whose consent is coerced or obtained in a fraudulent manner. This includes, but is not limited to, video voyeurism, violence of a sexual nature, sexual abuse, unwanted sexual contact, and obtaining, posting or disclosure of intimate descriptions, photos or videos without express consent of the other individual;

T. Stalking

Repeated, unwanted conduct toward or contact with another person, including but not limited to, following someone, contacting someone verbally, electronically, via third party, or by any other means with the effect of creating fear and/or emotional distress;

U. Theft

Using, depriving, removing or possessing the property and/or services of the University or another individual(s) without entitlement or authorization;

V. Unauthorized Surveillance
Creating, making, possessing, storing, sharing, or distributing unauthorized video, digital, or photographic images of a person taken in a location in which that person has a reasonable expectation of privacy;

W. Violating a Rule of the University

Violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in the violation of any contract, rule, policy, bylaw, and/or regulation of the University;

X. Weapons

Possession on one’s person, which includes any bag, case, container, purse, clothing or backpack and/or use of any weapon, defined as any object used or designed to inflict or attempt to inflict harm or injury or fear of harm or injury. Weapons include, but are not limited to firearms, facsimile guns, air guns, knives, explosives, any dangerous chemical or biological agent or any other object or material capable of causing harm, and used by the offending person to inflict or attempt to inflict fear, harm or injury.

11.0 OUTCOMES

11.1 General

The Accountability process intentionally uses Outcomes to encourage positive change and developmental growth and to protect persons, property and the integrity of the University. A Student will receive notice of assigned Outcomes in writing, along with specific conditions required for successful completion.

The SAA Official, Dean of Students, or UHP may delay registration for classes or withhold the issuance of an official transcript, grade, diploma, or degree to a Student alleged to have violated a rule or regulation of the University who has not completed an Outcome or responded to a SAA directive. The SAA Official may confer with any UHP relative to Outcomes.

11.2 Accountability Status

The following Outcomes may be imposed or instituted by the University for violation(s) of this Code:

A. Warning

A written Warning issued to a Student, indicating that he/she has been found Responsible for violation(s) of the Code. This will be in effect for a specified time period and will not be recorded on the Student’s academic transcript;

B. Disciplinary Probation

Disciplinary Probation is a status for a specified period of time during which any further violation of the Code or University policy jeopardizes the Student(s) status with the University;

1. Disciplinary Probation with restriction includes loss of privileges, including but not limited to, removal from residential facilities, inability to hold a position of leadership in a registered Student organization, participation in intramurals, LSU study abroad programs, and/or other representation of the University.
2. Disciplinary Probation without restriction would allow Students to participate in Student organization leadership, intramurals, studying abroad, or other specified co-curricular activities.

3. Disciplinary Probation will not be recorded on the Student's academic transcript except in cases of Academic Misconduct.

C. Deferred Suspension

Deferred Suspension is a status for a specified period of time during which any subsequent finding of Responsibility for a violation of the Code or University policy shall include the Outcome of Suspension. Deferred Suspension will include loss of privileges as detailed under Disciplinary Probation with Restrictions and is designated on the Student(s) academic transcript in cases of Academic Misconduct.

D. Suspension

Suspension is the physical separation from the University for Misconduct.

1. A Student may be Suspended for at least one semester and/or for multiple years. The Suspension may be delayed at the discretion of the Dean of Students.

2. Students Suspended from the University may be readmitted if they meet the Admissions requirements to the University, degree granting College and if approved by the Dean of Students.

3. When a Student is Suspended from the University, he or she may NOT be on Campus without specific written authorization by the Dean of Students.

4. Suspension from the University will be recorded on the Student's academic transcript.

E. Expulsion

Expulsion is the permanent separation of a Student from the University without the possibility of readmission.

1. When a Student is expelled from the University, he or she may NOT enter or remain on Campus without specific written authorization by the Dean of Students.

2. Expulsion will be recorded on the Student’s academic transcript.

F. Interim Suspension

In cases where it is determined that a Student’s continued presence on campus constitutes an immediate threat of harm to Student(s), other individuals and/or University premises, the SAA Official may immediately suspend that Student from the University, or limit access or attendance pending final disposition of the matter. Upon issuance of an Interim Suspension, a SAA Official shall endeavor to contact the Student, advise the Student that an Interim Suspension is in effect, and provide the Student with an opportunity to address the alleged misconduct.

1. The Interim Suspension status will be reviewed by the Dean of Students as soon as reasonably possible. This review can lead to a continuance of, revocation and/or modification of the Interim Suspension.
2. If a Student is reinstated to the University following an Interim Suspension, the Student will be afforded the opportunity to make up academic work missed during the period in which the Suspension was imposed. It is the responsibility of the Charged Student to make arrangements with instructors for completing missed work.

11.3 Accountability Outcomes

A. Educational Activities

Educational Activities may be assigned to a Student to encourage positive behavioral change and developmental growth. These include, but are not limited to, attendance/participation at educational programs, creation of documents, referral to a counselor, psychologist or other health or wellness provider, completion of treatment recommendations made by a health or wellness provider, community service, and provision of documents from court ordered directives. Fees may be charged for Educational Activities related to a specific Outcome.

B. Grade impact

In situations involving Academic Misconduct, a Student may be assigned a failing grade for the work in question, may receive zero credit, no credit, or partial credit for the work in question, may have his/her overall class grade lowered by one letter, or may receive a failing grade for the course.

C. No Contact Directive

A Student may be directed to cease all communication and contact with another Student, group of Students, Instructor or other University employee or contractor. Under a no contact directive, a Student may be prohibited from entering or remaining in or around a specified University building, facility or area of campus.

D. Restitution

A Student may be required to pay for damage to property, for personal injury expenses and/or other expenses. Payment will be made under the stipulations determined by the Dean of Students.

E. Restrictions

Restrictions may be imposed as an Outcome for any Student on Disciplinary Probation, Deferred Suspension, Suspension, Interim Suspension and/or Expulsion. Restrictions include, but are not limited to, loss of privileges, removal from residential facilities, inability to hold a position of leadership in a registered Student organization, participation in intramurals, LSU study abroad programs, and/or other representation of the University, and limitations to entering or being present in specific campus locations.

F. Revocation of Degree or Diploma

Revocation of any degree and withdrawal of the diploma may be imposed when the violation is related to the integrity of any academic credit, work, service, or prerequisites required for the degree.

11.4 Appeals

A Student may decline the Accountability Outcome issued by a SAA official and request a UHP. Only Outcomes of a UHP or Alternative UHP can be appealed. The Appeal procedure provides the opportunity for questioning the appropriateness of the proceedings and/or Outcome.
Any Victim entitled to be informed of Accountability Outcomes may also Appeal an Outcome of the UHP or Alternative UHP based upon the criteria delineated in this Code.

An Appeal will only be considered on the following grounds:

A. Evidence of bias by the UHP;
B. Significant departure from the procedures, definitions or standards in the Code;
C. New information has become available since the UHP;

11.5 Appellate Process

On Appeal, a finding of responsibility may be upheld or overturned in whole or in part. An Appeal must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Students within 5 business days after the Student and/or Student Victim is notified of the UHP Outcome or new information becomes known to the Student or Victim. The written document must identify the specific actions and/or Outcomes being contested. All submissions must include one of the aforementioned criteria as the basis for Appeal. Once the Dean of Students receives an Appeal, any Outcome issued by the UHP is placed on hold pending final resolution by the Dean.

Upon receipt of the written appeal, the SAA Official will submit a written position statement to the Dean within 5 business days.

At the Dean’s sole discretion, the following may result:

A. UHP Outcome is upheld;
B. Rehearing by the original UHP;
C. Rehearing by a new UHP; or
D. The Dean modifies the Outcome.

The decision by the Dean of Students is final and concludes the Accountability process. Any Outcome imposed and upheld will commence once the Dean of Students has issued a decision.

11.6 Request for Review by the LSU Chancellor

The LSU Chancellor’s review will be limited to the question of serious procedural errors and/or the abuse of discretionary authority by the UHP or the Dean of Students. The Chancellor in his/her sole discretion may decline a request for review. The imposition of any Outcome will not be delayed by a review by the Chancellor.

The request must:

A. Be in writing and signed by the Student requesting the review;
B. Be submitted to the Chancellor’s office within 5 business days after the Charged Student’s or Student Victim’s receipt of the Dean of Students’ Outcome with a copy delivered to the Dean of Students;
C. Contain a complete statement of the alleged serious procedural errors and/or specific abuse(s) of discretionary authority;

D. State the relief sought.

12.0 ACCOUNTABILITY RECORDS

Student Accountability cases and records are education records of the University and are maintained by SAA. Consistent with the 1974 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Student may review and examine his or her Accountability records. These records are generally not available for others to review except in accordance with law. Materials within the Student’s Accountability record will not be provided to University personnel outside of the Office of the Dean of Students unless disseminated in accordance with FERPA. University personnel or University legal counsel may have access to the Accountability records of individual Students only if such information is needed in the performance of duties assigned to that person. Refer to Policy Statement 30 -- Privacy Rights of Students.

A. Files for Suspensions, expulsions, and violent offenses are maintained indefinitely. All other files are maintained for seven years after the incident’s resolution. At the end of the seven-year period, the files are destroyed in accordance with the University’s record disposal policies.

B. Academic Misconduct, Deferred Suspension, Suspension, Expulsion and/or any other Accountability action that separates the Student from the University is recorded on the Student’s academic transcript maintained in the Office of the University Registrar.

C. A notation on the Student’s academic transcript will be removed at the completion of the Outcome period, except in cases of a Suspension or Expulsion.

D. In cases of Suspension, a Student may petition SAA in writing to have this notation removed from his or her academic transcript. At the discretion of the Dean of Students, this notation may be removed from the academic transcript; however, the Accountability record maintained in SAA will remain as provided in this Code. Typically a Suspension notation will only be removed after the Student has returned to the University.

E. A notation of Expulsion or Degree Revocation from the University is never removed from a Student’s academic transcript.

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