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**01. POLICY STATEMENT**

01.01 As a community of students and scholars, Texas State University strives to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All members of the community are expected to exhibit honesty and competence in academic work. This responsibility can be met only through earnest and continuing effort on the part of all students and faculty.

Any dishonesty related to academic work or records constitutes academic misconduct including, but not limited to, activities such as giving or receiving unauthorized aid in tests and examinations, improperly obtaining a copy of an examination, plagiarism, misrepresentation of information, and altering transcripts or university records. Per [UPPS No. 07.10.01](https://policies.txstate.edu/university-policies/07-10-01.html), Honor Code, academic misconduct is incompatible with the standards of the academic community. Such acts are viewed as moral and intellectual offenses and are subject to investigation and disciplinary action.

**02. STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT**

02.01 The mission of the Athletics Academic Center is to provide the resources necessary to foster academic success and personal development among our student-athletes. The following development initiatives are employed on an annual basis:

1. Life Skills – strives to enhance the student-athlete experience within the university setting by coordinating educational programs that address personal growth, leadership, professional development, and community service.
2. Summer Bridge Programming – a weekly orientation course for incoming freshmen student-athletes, provided during the summer sessions, instructed by the Athletics academic staff, and covering topics relevant to student-athletes in transitioning to life at the university.
3. Fall Freshmen Series – a weekly orientation course for incoming freshmen student-athletes, instructed by the Athletics academic staff that covers topics relevant to student-athletes transitioning to life at the university.
4. J. Ryan Whittington Leadership Academy – the leadership program currently consists of workshops that selected student-athletes attend once a week to develop leadership skills. In the past, programs have consisted of coach and guest speaker presentations regarding relevant leadership topics. The J. Ryan Whittington Leadership Academy will further support and educate student-athletes to maximize their potential at Texas State and be successful in preparing for their future lives after graduation.

**03. ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMMING**

03.01 The Athletics Academic Center offers many areas of academic programming for student-athletes. These areas include:

1. computer labs with printers;
2. study rooms and cubicles;
3. academic mentoring programs;
4. supervised study halls;
5. tutorial services; and
6. registration support.

**04. ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER MANUAL**

04.01 For more information regarding the policies, procedures, and services of the Athletics Academic Center, please reference the Athletic Academic Center Manual.

**05. REVIEWERS OF THIS PPS**

05.01 Reviewer of this PPS includes the following:

Position Date

Director, Athletics November 1 E3Y

**06. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

This PPS has been approved by the following individuals in their official capacities and represents Texas State Athletics policy and procedure from the date of this document until superseded.

Director, Athletics; senior reviewer of this PPS

President