TAMU Definitions – Authorized Activities and Sponsored Activities

**Authorized activities** require participation in a university activity, or are necessary as a requirement for an official class. Authorized activities are university-excused absences as defined by the *University Student Rules* (Part I, Section 7).

**Sponsored activities** are generally considered important to the overall leadership development and education of Texas A&M students, but are not required as part of an official class or as mandatory participation in a university activity. Participation in a sponsored activity is not considered an official university-excused absence, but based on the perceived educational value of the event, instructors are encouraged to consider allowing students to make up the missed work resulting in participation of the event.