

Syracuse University
Academic Integrity Office

2010 – 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

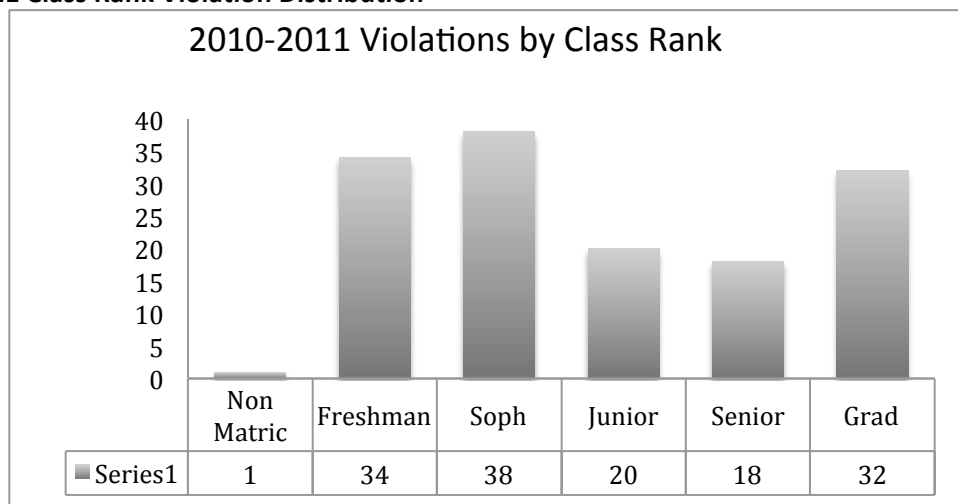
This report contains violation data for the 2010-2011 year and comparative figures encompassing the five years the University-wide Academic Integrity Policy has been administered by the AIO.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the number of reported violations (143) decreased 12% compared to the prior year (163).

2010-2011 Summary

Academic Year	Violations Reported	Hearings Held	Violations Upheld	Sanctions Reduced	Violations Overturned
2010-2011	143	19	12	2	7

2010-2011 Class Rank Violation Distribution



Five-Year Summary

Academic Year	Reported Violations	Established Violations	Hearings Held	Hearing Outcomes		
				violations upheld	Sanctions Reduced	Violations Overturned
2010-2011	143	136	19	12 (63%)	2	7
2009-2010	163	159	29	25 (86%)	3	4
2008-2009	142	140	27	25 (92%)	1	2
2007-2008	130	129	19	17 (89%)	0	2
2006-2007	127	126	11	8 (73%)	2	1

Violation Data: Five Year Comparison					
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Violation totals by semester					
Fall	42	60	47	65	68
Spring	81	67	95	98	75
Maymester	1	0	1	0	0
Summer	3	3	0	0	0
<i>Total Violations</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>143</i>
Violation totals by class rank					
Freshmen	17	16	50	38	34
Sophomores	33	23	29	30	38
Juniors	19	19	22	36	20
Seniors	31	27	24	20	18
Graduate	26	44	17	39	32
Non-Matriculated	1	1	1	0	1
<i>Total violations</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>143</i>
Repeat Offenders					
Students with 2 or more violations	4	4	9	19	9
Violations by type					
Use of Source (plagiarism)	80	39	77	78	89
Course Work and Research	34	85	54	64	47
Representations & Materials Misuse	11	5	11	19	7
Communications	2	1	0	2	0
Established Violations by sanction					
Suspended	0	3	1	6	3
Expelled	0	0	0	2	2
Course failure	30	38	27	31	34
Assignment/exam failure	74	63	67	91	70
Deduction on over-all course grade	6	10	13	15	11
Deduction on assignment /exam	9	12	21	14	12
Referred to AIO with warning	3	2	6	4	7
Resubmit assignment for full credit	2	3	5	0	1
Other sanction issued	3	2	4	8	2
Final Hearing outcomes					
Hearings held	11	19	27	29	19
Violations upheld by panels	8	17	24	25	12
Violations overturned by panels	3	2	3	4	7
Hearings resulting in suspension	0	3	1	6	3
Hearings resulting in expulsion	0	0	0	2	2

5-year comparison: Violations by Reporting College					
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Arts & Sciences	66	30	59	51	62
Architecture	0	0	4	3	14
Engineering & Computer Science	2	37	13	18	10
Education	12	5	1	8	10
Human Ecology	7	6	5	4	7
Information Studies	0	0	1	0	14
Maxwell	6	3	3	3	3
Management	22	25	13	48	8
Public Communications	2	9	4	14	5
University College	2	0	2	1	0
Visual & Performing Art	7	15	37	13	10
Law	1	-	-	-	-
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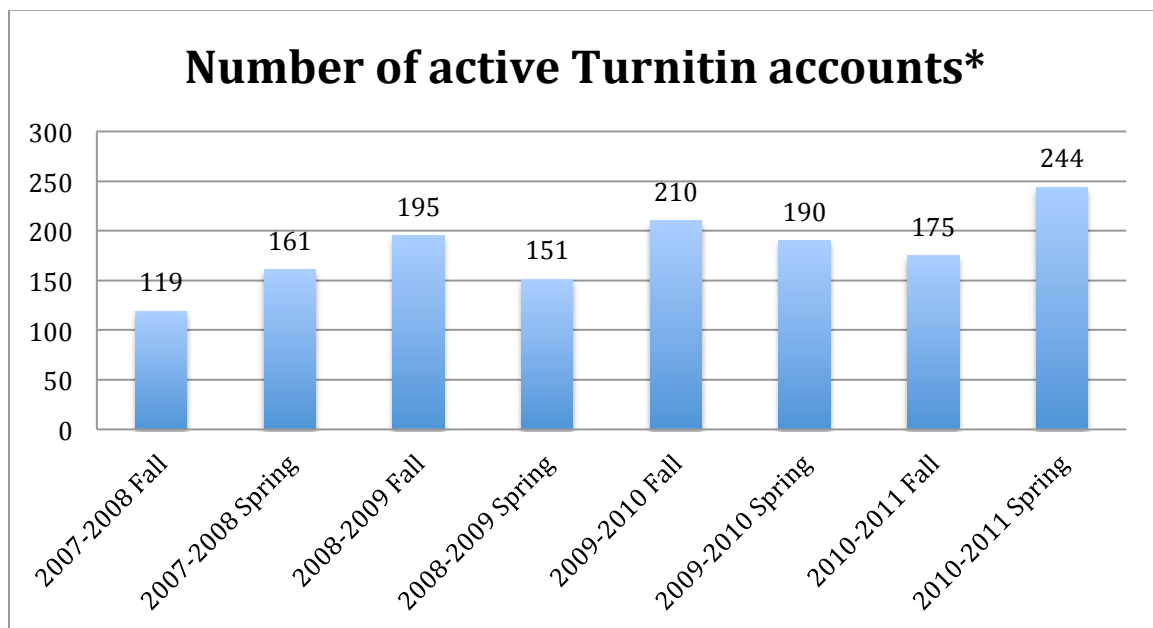
Turnitin

Spring 2010-2011 reversed a three semester declining trend in Turnitin usage. 244 instructors used Turnitin in the spring semester, the largest number since the system was implemented in 2007.

Turnitin at the Library

The E. S. Bird Library launched the “Turnitin at the Library” service through Blackboard whereby SU students may obtain citation feedback on work prior to submitting it to class instructors and without uploading it to the Turnitin master database. In its first year of operation, 168 student papers were uploaded via the “Turnitin at the Library” site.

<http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/turnitin>



*an account is considered ‘active’ if two or more papers were submitted in a semester

2010 Academic Integrity Survey

A campus-wide SU academic integrity survey was conducted in November of 2010 which focused on student and faculty perceptions about the extent of academic dishonesty campus, the presumed social disapproval for engaging in it, and the degree to which students see academic dishonesty as self defeating. Survey invitations were e-mailed to 6,542 students and 1,473 faculty; 1,290 students and 476 faculty participated. An Executive Summary of the survey and all questions and responses are available on the Academic Integrity website: <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/>

Policy Changes

Significant changes to the University's Academic Integrity Policy were approved by the Vice Chancellor on May 31, 2011. Six key policy changes are listed below. The full policy may be found here: <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/academic-integrity-policy/>

1. Academic dishonesty is distinguished from academic negligence (deficient academic work without intent to deceive). Only academic dishonesty is subject to disciplinary sanctions;
2. A new system is implemented to report academic negligence;
3. The revised Policy adds new language protecting the professional autonomy of faculty members to award grades:
4. "Regardless of administrative or hearing panel findings in academic integrity cases or referrals, grades for deficient academic work (distinguished from penalties and disciplinary records for findings of dishonesty) fall under the purview of referring faculty members."
5. The presumptive sanction for any act of academic dishonesty is the XF grade penalty, accompanied by the transcript notation: "Violation of the Academic Integrity Policy." The transcript notation may be removed for a first offense if the student successfully completes the AIO academic integrity seminar. A lesser sanction may be imposed by the instructor (e.g., reduced grade in the course) if accompanied by a written explanation. The written explanation is dispositive and not subject to appeal.
6. The presumptive penalty for any act of academic dishonesty by a graduate student is suspension or expulsion from the university. Accordingly, all academic dishonesty allegations involving graduate students must be referred to a hearing panel for resolution.
7. Appellate review by committee has been replaced by automatic review by the Associate Provost for Academic Programs of any recommended suspension or expulsion.

2010-2011 Violation Summary

Details concerning the 2010-2011 academic integrity violations are listed on accompanying chart. For confidentiality purposes, all personally identifiable information has been omitted.

Violation Type key:

CWR = Course Work and Research; RMU = Representation and Materials Misuse; UOS = Use of Source

Violation Type	Class Rank	Violation Description	Instructor Sanctions	College-level Hearing Outcomes	University-level Appeal/Review Outcomes
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1	CWR	F	Copied from classmate's essay paper	Assignment failure		
2	CWR	F	Copied from classmate's essay paper	Assignment failure		
3	CWR	F	Copied from another student on take-home exam	Assignment failure		
4	CWR	F	Fabricated interviews and talent releases for assignment	Assignment failure + additional project		
5	CWR	F	Used cellphone during midterm exam	Course failure		
6	CWR	F	Used crib sheet hidden in pencil box during exam	Course failure		
7	CWR	F	Used unauthorized aid during final exam	Course failure		
8	CWR	F	Used unauthorized aid during final exam	Course failure		
9	CWR	F	Used unauthorized aid during quiz	Quiz failure + zero participation points; write an essay and complete the AI Seminar		
10	CWR	F	Fabricated interviews and talent releases for assignment	Reduced grade on project + additional project		
11	CWR	F	Skipped class on exam day and submitted another student's test as own.	Reported to the AIO		
12	CWR	F	Unauthorized collaboration on final paper	Rewrite paper for reduced over-all course grade		
13	CWR	F	Changed answers on exams and attempted to submit for re-grades.	Zero on exam		
14	CWR	F	Used unauthorized aid during exam	Zero on exam questions that were answered before calculator was taken away	Violation overturned: insufficient evidence	
15	CWR	Soph	Copied from another student on take-home exam	Assignment failure		
16	CWR	Soph	Fabricated interviews and talent releases for assignment; altered confidential team evaluation	Assignment failure + additional project		
17	CWR	Soph	Used unauthorized aid during exam	Calculator was taken away	Violation/sanction upheld	

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18	CWR	Soph	Gave another student exam answers	Grade reduction on exam	
19	CWR	Soph	Copied from a former student's quiz sheet	Quiz failure	
20	CWR	Soph	Unauthorized collaboration on final paper	Rewrite paper for an overall deduction in course grade	
21	CWR	Soph	Used unauthorized calculator on quiz	Zero on all quizzes for the course	
22	CWR	Soph	Copied from another student during exam	Zero on exam	
23	CWR	Soph	Copied from another student during exam	Zero on exam	
24	CWR	Soph	Copied from another student during exam	Zero on exam	
25	CWR	Soph	Copied from another student's test paper during midterm	Zero on midterm	Violation overturned; panel concluded insufficient evidence
26	CWR	Soph	Permitted another student to copy from exam paper during midterm	Zero on midterm	
27	CWR	Soph	Copied from another student's exam during midterm	Zero on midterm	
28	CWR	Soph	Copied from another student's exam during midterm	Zero on midterm	
29	CWR	Soph	Falsified an interview and corresponding paper	Incomplete in course; redo assignment for reduced grade, reduction in overall course grade	
30	CWR	J	Copied from classmate's paper	Assignment failure	
31	CWR	J	Used cell phone during exam	Exam failure	
32	CWR	J	Crib sheet discovered in calculator cover during exam	Exam failure	
33	CWR	J	Crib sheet discovered on back of ruler during quiz	Failure on all quizzes in course	
34	CWR	J	Copied from another student during exam	Grade reduction on exam	
35	CWR	Sen	Used smartphone during exam	Exam failure	
36	CWR	Sen	Copied from another student's paper	Zero on assignment	
37	CWR	Sen	Copied from another student's paper	Zero on assignment	

	Violation Type	Class Rank	Violation Description	Instructor Sanctions	College-level Hearing Outcomes	University-level Appeal/Review Outcomes
38	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized cooperation on assignment	Deduction on overall course grade of one grade level		
39	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized cooperation on assignment	Deduction on overall course grade of one grade level		
40	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized cooperation on assignment	Deduction on overall course grade of one grade level		
41	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized cooperation on assignment	Deduction on overall course grade of one grade level		
42	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized cooperation on assignment	Deduction on overall course grade of one grade level		
43	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized cooperation on assignment	Deduction on overall course grade of one grade level		
44	CWR	Grad	Used unauthorized aid during qualifying exam for PhD program	Exam failure		
45	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized collaboration on lab code	Zero for the assignment and a reduction in overall course grade		
46	CWR	Grad	Unauthorized collaboration on lab code	Zero for the assignment and a reduction in overall course grade		
47	CWR	NON-Matric	Submitted paper in two classes without permission from either professor	Zero on assignment + AI Seminar + must attend at least one Writing Center appointment		
48	RMU	Soph	Changed the answer on an exam and submitted for re-grade	Course failure		
49	RMU	Soph	Changed the answer on an exam and submitted for re-grade	Course failure		
50	RMU	Soph	Changed the answer on an exam and submitted for re-grade	Course failure		
51	RMU	Soph	Forged advisor's signature on drop form	Referred to AIO + seminar		
52	RMU	Soph	Falsified classroom observation time log	Zero on all written work + complete 25 observation hours		
53	RMU	J	Changed the answer on an exam and submitted for re-grade	Course failure	Panel concluded there was insufficient evidence to show student intended to violate policy	
54	RMU	Grad	Misrepresented the circumstances of a late final paper and fabricated an excuse document	Course failure		
55	UOS	F	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure		

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56	UOS	F	Plagiarized on essay	Assignment failure		
57	UOS	F	Plagiarized on final paper	Assignment failure		
58	UOS	F	Plagiarized on assignment	Assignment failure		
59	UOS	F	Plagiarized on assignment	Assignment failure		
60	UOS	F	Plagiarized on two papers	Assignment failure		
61	UOS	F	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure + 10 point overall grade deduction		
62	UOS	F	Plagiarized on research paper	Assignment failure + AIO Seminar		
63	UOS	F	Plagiarized essay	Course failure		
64	UOS	F	Plagiarized entire paper from another student	Course failure		
65	UOS	F	Plagiarized on essay	Course failure		
66	UOS	F	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure		
67	UOS	F	Plagiarized on assignment	Reported to AIO / no further sanctions		
68	UOS	F	Plagiarized on assignment	Reported to the AIO		
69	UOS	F	Plagiarized on assignment	Zero on assignment		
70	UOS	F	Plagiarized on assignment	Zero on assignment		
71	UOS	F	Plagiarized on assignment	Zero on assignment		
72	UOS	F	Plagiarized on paper	Zero on assignment		
73	UOS	F	Plagiarized midterm	Zero on midterm paper		
74	UOS	F	Plagiarized midterm	Zero on midterm paper		
75	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure		
76	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure		
77	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized design from web	Assignment failure		
78	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on essay	Assignment failure		
79	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure + 10 point overall grade deduction		
80	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on essay	Course failure	Violation upheld; sanction decreased to 20% course reduction	Faculty appeal denied: no grounds
81	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on assignment	Course failure	Student expelled	
82	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on two papers	Course failure		
83	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on assignment	Course failure		
84	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure		
85	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure		

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86	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure	PENDING	
87	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on paper	Failure on assignment		
88	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on midterm	Failure on two assignments associated with midterm		
89	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on paper	Zero on assignment		
90	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized from web	Zero on assignment		
91	UOS	Soph	Plagiarized on essay	Zero on assignment		
92	UOS	Soph	Improperly cited on final exam	AI Seminar		
93	UOS	J	Plagiarized on assignment	Assignment failure	Violation overturned: insufficient evidence to charge w/Policy violation	No grounds for faculty appeal, college-level ruling upheld.
94	UOS	J	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure		
95	UOS	J	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure		
96	UOS	J	Plagiarized on research paper	Assignment failure		
97	UOS	J	Plagiarized on paper	Assignment failure		
98	UOS	J	Plagiarized on group project	Course failure	Violation/sanction overturned for insufficient evidence.	
99	UOS	J	Plagiarized on assignment	Course failure	Violation/sanction overturned for insufficient evidence.	
100	UOS	J	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure		
101	UOS	J	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure	PENDING	
102	UOS	J	Plagiarized on midterm	F on midterm		
103	UOS	J	Plagiarized on portion of midterm	Failure on plagiarized portion of midterm	Violation /sanction upheld + AI Seminar + student is required to correct midterm	
104	UOS	J	Plagiarized on assignment	Reduction in over all course grade		
105	UOS	J	Plagiarized on paper	Rewrite assignment for reduced grade		
106	UOS	J	Plagiarized on paper	Zero on paper		
107	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on final paper	AI Seminar + rewrite paper for maximum final course grade of C		
108	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on assignment	Assignment failure	Panel concluded insufficient evidence to charge student with AI violation	
109	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on assignment	Assignment failure		
110	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on assignment	Assignment failure		

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111	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized journal entries	Assignment failure		
112	UOS	Sen	Copied assignment from classmate	Assignment failure		
113	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on assignment	Assignment failure		
114	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure	Violation and sanction upheld.	
115	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on assignment	Course failure	Panel upheld violation/sanction + suspended student for one semester + must complete AI Seminar + 15-20 page paper on plagiarism before readmit	
116	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure	PENDING	
117	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure		
118	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on paper	Course failure		
119	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on midterm	Course failure	PENDING	
120	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on assignment	Failure on exam with opportunity to re-write for full credit		
121	UOS	Sen	Plagiarized on assignment	Rewrite paper for reduced grade		
122	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized paper	Course failure	Panel affirmed violation; reduced sanction from course failure to zero on paper; must complete designated writing course before enrolling in any other course at SU and complete AI Seminar.	
123	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on assignment	Course failure	Suspended for one academic year + complete AI Seminar + write 10-page research paper on academic integrity.	
124	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on final paper	Course failure		
125	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized from published sources	Course failure		
126	UOS	Grad	Submitted purchased paper as own	Course failure		
127	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on assignment	Course failure		
128	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on two papers	Course failure		
129	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on project	Course failure		
130	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on two course papers	Course failure		
131	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on qualifying exam for doctoral program	Failed exam		
132	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on final paper	Filed with the AIO		

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133	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized from textbook	Grade deduction on assignment		
134	UOS	Grad	Improperly cited sources on written portion of qualifying exam for doctoral program.	INFORMAL: met with AIO for educational programming; may complete a new exam under new parameters.		
135	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on Master's thesis	Program expulsion	Violation/sanction upheld	Expulsion from master's program
136	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on case study	Reduction on final course grade		
137	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on final project	Rewrite assignment, deduction on overall course grade + AI Seminar		
138	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on paper	Rewrite paper for reduced grade		
139	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on assignment	Rewrite paper for reduced grade		
140	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on draft of dissertation prospectus	Withdrawal from PhD Program at end of semester	Violation overturned: panel concluded plagiarism occurred during preliminary stages of thesis preparation; charge was precipitous.	Faculty's appeal was submitted after deadline and consequently rejected by the AIO. Hearing outcome stands.
141	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on assignment	Zero on assignment		
142	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on assignment	Zero on assignment		
143	UOS	Grad	Plagiarized on book report	Zero on assignment		