

Syracuse University
Academic Integrity Office

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

This report contains violation and hearing data for the 2014-2015 year (August 25, 2014 through August 30, 2015), and comparative data for the previous five years. Data for years prior to 2010-11 can be found on the [Academic Integrity Office website](#).

Cases Filed			Cases by Status ¹					
Dishonesty Charges	Written Negligence Warnings	Total	Established by Instructor Resolution or Written Warning	Established by Hearing Panel	Established by Associate Provost	Associate Provost Decision pending	Hearing Pending	Total
166	77	243	178	49	13	1	2	243

¹ 65 cases were sent to hearing in 2014-15, including 2 cases for which hearings were pending when this report was issued. Cases are deemed “established” when a student accepts a violation rather than appealing or when a final decision is made by a hearing panel or by the Associate Provost for Academic Programs.

Reasons for Hearings ²		
Undergraduate students	Appeal of first violation or related sanction	26
	Second/repeat violation	12
	Total undergraduate hearings	38
Graduate students	Appeal of first violation or related sanction	20
	First violation, no appeal	3
	Second/repeat violation	4
	Total graduate hearings	27
Total cases sent to hearing		65

² An undergraduate student with no prior violation has the option to accept a first charge and related sanction without a hearing. All graduate students charged with a violation and all undergraduate students charged with a second violation must have their cases heard by a hearing panel. Instructors also have the option to request that a case they bring be heard by a hearing panel.

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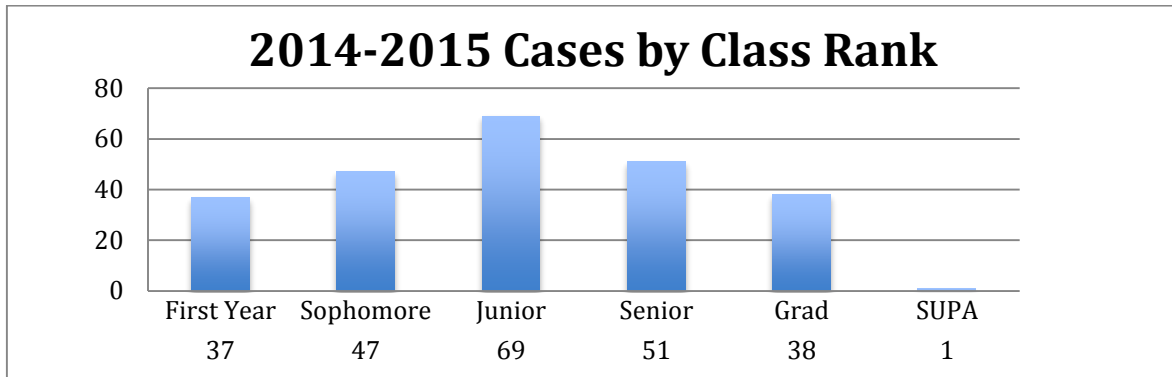


Figure 1 2014- 2015 Cases by Class Rank

2014-2015 Summary of Types of Violations	
Use of Sources/Plagiarism	107
Coursework and Research	121
Representations and Materials Misuse	10
Communications	5
Total	243

2014-2015 Summary of Final Penalties ³	
Expulsion	3
Suspension	9
Course failure ("XF")	58
Reduction in overall course grade	17
Reduction on assignment/exam grade	149
Transcription notation	-
Written Negligence Warning	-
Violation Overturned	4
Pending hearing outcome	2
Pending Associate Provost decision	1
Total	243

³ The most severe penalty is listed in cases that resulted in more than one penalty.

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2014-2015 Hearing Data				
Reported Violations	Hearings Held	Hearing Panel Decisions: Violations		
		Dishonesty Charges Upheld	Dishonesty Charges Overturned	Dishonesty Charges Downgraded to Negligence
243	63	58	4	1
		Hearing Panel Decisions: Sanctions		
		Instructor Sanction Upheld	34	
		Instructor Sanction Reduced	7	
		Instructor Sanction Increased	22	
		Hearing Panel Decisions: Reviews by the Associate Provost ⁴		
		Panel Sanction Upheld	13	
		Panel Sanction Reduced	0	
		Panel Sanction Increased	0	
		Review Pending	1	

⁴ The Academic Integrity Policy requires the Associate Provost for Academic Programs to review all recommendations of suspension and expulsion.

Hearing Data: Five Year Comparison					
Academic Year	Reported Violations	Hearings Held	Hearing Outcomes		
			Dishonesty Charges Upheld	Dishonesty Charges Overturned	Dishonesty Charges Downgraded to Negligence
2014-2015	243	63	58 (92%)	4	1
2013-2014	220	55	45 (82%)	6	4
2012-2013	272	69	57 (79%)	12	N/A
2011-2012	161	16	14 (88%)	2	N/A
2010-2011	143	19	12 (63%)	7	N/A

Violation Data: Five Year Comparison					
	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
Violation totals by semester					
Fall	104	79	127	77	68
Spring	124	136	139	84	75
Summer	15	5	6	-	-
Total Violations	243	220	272	161	143

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Violation Data: Five Year Comparison (continued)					
	2014- 2015	2013- 2014	2012- 2013	2011- 2012	2010- 2011
Violation totals by class rank					
Freshmen	37	43	47	38	34
Sophomores	47	46	57	32	38
Juniors	69	28	69	24	20
Seniors	51	46	54	27	18
Graduate Students	38	57	45	29	32
Non-Matriculated Students	-	-	-	5	1
Project Advance Students	1	-	-	6	-
Violations by Reporting College					
Arts & Sciences	125	86	104	73	62
Architecture	8	17	7	8	14
Engineering & Computer Science	40	56	39	30	10
Education	6	8	4	4	10
Sport & Human Dynamics	8	10	13	7	7
Information Studies	8	6	15	7	14
Maxwell	-	-	11	1	3
Management	37	22	60	13	8
Public Communications	3	8	3	5	5
University College	-	-	-	1	-
Visual & Performing Art	7	7	16	6	10
Project Advance	1	-	-	6	-
Repeat Offenders					
Students with 2 or more violations	21	16	15	14	9
Violations by type					
Use of Sources/Plagiarism	107	88	118	74	89
Course Work and Research	121	109	78	77	47
Representations and Materials Misuse	10	12	17	10	7
Communications	5	11	59	-	-
Final Hearing outcomes					
Hearings held	63	55	69	16	19
Violations upheld by panels	59	49	57	14	12
Violations overturned by panels	4	6	12	2	7
Hearings resulting in suspension	9	11	7	5	3
Hearings resulting in expulsion	3	-	2	-	2