

Academic Integrity Violation and Sanction Classification Rubric

Violations below are exemplars and do not represent the full range of behaviors that violate Syracuse University's Academic Integrity Policy.

Examples of Level 1 Violations (Historically, the most common violation types)

- a. Plagiarism in a small section of a larger assignment in which other sources are appropriately documented, e.g., one unattributed source within a multi-source, multi-page essay
- b. Inappropriate collaboration on a small homework assignment

Range of Sanctions for Level 1 Violations*

Grade of zero on assignment/exam or course grade reduction

AND

School or College letter of reprimand

Examples of Level 2 Violations

- a. Plagiarism in a large portion of an assignment or paper, e.g., two or more unattributed sources within a multi-source, multi-page essay
- b. Signing into class on behalf of another student
- c. Possession or use of an unauthorized aid during a quiz or exam
- d. Receiving, offering or giving inappropriate assistance or collaboration during a quiz or exam
- e. Forgery of signatures needed to add or drop a course

Range of Sanctions for Level 2 Violations*

Course grade reduction or failing course grade

AND

Academic Integrity Probation with transcript notation lasting the length of the probation (either 6 or 12 months OR until graduation if that occurs sooner); the notation will indicate that probation resulted from an academic integrity violation

Examples of Level 3 Violations:

- a. Plagiarism so extensive that a major course assignment worth half or more of the course grade contains little or no original work, e.g. multiple, lengthy instances of plagiarism account for three quarters of the text in a culminating paper or honors thesis; multiple, lengthy instances of plagiarism in a comprehensive examination or dissertation
- b. Purchase or sale of a paper, e.g. from an essay mill
- c. Violation of professional ethics, e.g. submission of substantially plagiarized work to a professional organization or company
- d. Cheating on a comprehensive or other qualifying examination
- e. Forgery of academic documents or documents created for the purpose of supporting false claims in order to extend academic deadlines, e.g., forged medical excuses or family death certificates or alteration of a transcript

Range of Sanctions for Level 3 Violations*

Failing course grade

AND EITHER

A. Suspension with transcript notation lasting for the length of suspension and indicating that suspension resulted from an academic integrity violation

OR

B. Expulsion with permanent transcript notation indicating that expulsion resulted from an academic integrity violation

* A second violation will typically be classified as Level 3 with a minimum sanction of suspension. Faculty have discretion to select the grade penalty they believe most suitable, including course failure, regardless of violation level. All students found in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy must successfully complete the free, online Academic Integrity Seminar in order to register for subsequent semesters and to be eligible for removal of any temporary transcript notation.