

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. The specific circumstances of each case will be evaluated by trained members of the School or College Academic Integrity Panel.

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

Sanctions for Level 1 Violations*

Course: Zero on the assignment/exam,
grade reduction, or course failure
AND
School/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

Sanctions for Level 2 Violations*

Course: Zero on the assignment/exam,
grade reduction, or course failure
AND
School/College: Academic Integrity Probation with transcript notation lasting the length of probation (6 or 12 months or until graduation if it occurs sooner); the notation will indicate that probation resulted from a violation

Examples of Level 3 Violations: (Repeat violations & exceptional 1st 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. plagiarism that accounts for three quarters of the text in a culminating course paper
- b. Plagiarism in a comprehensive examination or dissertation
- c. Purchase or sale of a paper from an essay mill
- d. Violation of professional ethics, e.g. submission of substantially plagiarized work to a professional organization or company
- e. Cheating on a comprehensive or other qualifying examination
- f. Forgery of academic or other documents created to support false academic claims or extend academic deadlines, e.g. forged medical excuses, family death certificates or alteration of a transcript

Sanctions for Level 3 Violations*

Course: Zero on the assignment/exam,
grade reduction, or course failure
AND
School/College:
A. Suspension with transcript notation lasting for the length of suspension and indicating suspension resulted from an academic integrity violation
OR
B. Expulsion with permanent transcript notation indicating that expulsion resulted from an academic integrity violation

* Faculty have discretion to select the course sanction, including course failure, regardless of violation level. School/College Academic Integrity Panels determine the violation level and must apply sanctions from that violation level. A 2nd violation will typically be classified as Level 3 with a minimum sanction of suspension. 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.