

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) **Range of Sanctions for Level 1 Violations***

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| 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 | Grade of zero on assignment/exam or course grade reduction |
| b. Inappropriate collaboration on a small homework assignment | School/college letter of reprimand |

Examples of Level 2 Violations

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| a. Plagiarism in a large section of an assignment or in multiple instances within an assignment, e.g., two or more unattributed sources within a multi-source, multi-page essay | Course grade reduction or failing course grade |
| b. Signing into class on behalf of another student | Probation with transcript notation lasting for the length of probation (minimum: 4 months; maximum: 12 months) and indicating that probation resulted from an academic integrity violation |
| 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 | |

Examples of Level 3 Violations:

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| a. Plagiarism so extensive that a major paper or assignment contains little or no original work, e.g. multiple, lengthy instances of plagiarism in a final paper or honors thesis or plagiarism in a comprehensive examination or dissertation. | Failing course grade |
| b. Purchase or sale of a paper, e.g. from an essay mill | AND EITHER |
| c. Violation of professional ethics, e.g. submission of substantially plagiarized work to a professional organization or company | A. Suspension with AI transcript notation lasting for the length of suspension and indicating that suspension resulted from an academic integrity violation |
| d. Cheating on a comprehensive or other qualifying examination | OR |
| 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 | 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 must successfully complete the free, online Academic Integrity Seminar in order to register for the subsequent semester and to be eligible for removal of any temporary transcript notation.