

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.

Grade sanctioning decisions are solely at the discretion of the reporting instructor and fall outside the purview of the Academic Integrity Office. Students seeking guidance on addressing grade-related concerns or the implications of grade sanctions are encouraged to consult directly with their Academic Integrity Advisors.

Examples of Level 1 Violations*

- a. Plagiarism in a small section (between 11-25%) of a larger assignment in which others are appropriately documented, e.g., one unattributed source
- b. Inappropriate collaboration on a significant homework assignment
- c. Unauthorized use of Generative-AI in a small section of a larger assignment in violation of the professor's Artificial Intelligence policy provided in the syllabus

Non-Grade Sanctions for Level 1 Violations**

Letter of reprimand

Examples of Level 2 Violation (minimum violation for repeat offenses, common level for repeat offenses with mitigating factors)

- a. Plagiarism in a large portion (more than 25%) 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 collaborating on a quiz or exam
- e. Unauthorized use of Generative-AI in large sections of an assignment in violation of the professor's Artificial Intelligence policy provided in the syllabus
- f. Forgery of signatures needed to add or drop a course

Non-Grade Sanctions for Level 2 Violations**

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 (Exceptional 1st violations and common level for repeat offenses with aggravating factors)

- a. Plagiarism so extensive that one 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 or cheating in/on a comprehensive exam, dissertation, or qualifying exam
- 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. Unauthorized use of Generative-AI in a dissertation or comprehensive examination, including theses
- f. Forgery of academic or other documents created to support false academic claims or extended academic deadlines, e.g., forged medical excuse, family death certificates, or alteration of a transcript

Non-Grade Sanctions for Level 3 Violations**

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

*If a faculty member believes that the potential violation is below Level 1, please review the Warning Level Guide found on the Academic Integrity Website. If a student is found responsible for subsequent warnings, they must complete the Academic Integrity Seminar, and two Warnings will be classified as a Level 1 Violation with the Academic Integrity Office.

**Faculty have discretion to select the course sanction, including course failure, regardless of violation level. Academic Integrity Panels determine the violation level and must apply sanctions from that violation level. A 2nd or subsequent may not be considered a Level 1. All students found responsible for a Level 1, 2, or 3 violation of the Academic Integrity Policy must successfully complete the free, online Academic Integrity Seminar to register for subsequent semesters and to be eligible for removal of any temporary transcript notation.