Violation and Sanction Classification Rubric

Note: Violations below are exemplars and do not represent the full range of behaviors that constitute violations of academic integrity. Faculty have discretion to select the grade penalty they believe most suitable.

Level 1 Violations
Plagiarism in a small section of a larger assignment in which other sources are appropriately documented, e.g., one unattributed source or paragraph within a multi-source, multi-page essay.
Inappropriate collaboration or receipt of assistance on homework.

Range of Sanctions for Level 1 Violations*
Grade of zero on assignment or exam
AND
School/college letter of reprimand

Level 2 Violations
Plagiarism in a large section of an assignment or in multiple instances within an assignment, e.g., two or more unattributed sources or paragraphs within a multi-source, multi-page essay.
Signing into class on behalf of another student.
Possession or use of an unauthorized aid during a quiz or exam.
Receipt or offer of inappropriate assistance during a quiz or exam.
Unauthorized collaboration during a quiz or exam.
 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
Probation with temporary transcript notation lasting for the length of probation (usually one year) and indicating that probation resulted from an academic integrity violation

Level 3 Violations:
Plagiarism so extensive that a paper or assignment contains little original work; multiple instances of plagiarism in a major assignment, such as a final paper or honors thesis; plagiarism in a comprehensive examination or dissertation.
 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.
Violation of professional ethics, e.g. submission of substantially plagiarized work to a professional organization or company.
Alteration of a transcript.
Purchase or sale of a paper, e.g. from an essay mill.

Range of Sanctions for Level 3 Violations*
Failing course grade
AND EITHER
A. Suspension with temporary 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

Impact of a subsequent violations on sanctioning: A 2nd violation will typically lead to a one-level increase in sanction, e.g. a Level 2 sanction for a 2nd violation originally classified as Level 1 or a Level 3 sanction for a 2nd violation originally classified as Level 2.

* All students found in violation must complete the Academic Integrity Seminar, a free online course in Blackboard.