Violation and Sanction Classification Rubric

Violations below are exemplars and do not represent the full range of behaviors that constitute violations of academic integrity.

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/exam or course grade reduction
- 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 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 AI 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 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.

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