

Academic Honor Policy Quick–Reference Guide

Current Iteration

8 Possible Charges/Violations

3 Resolution Pathways

- **Step 1 Agreement:** “I admit responsibility for the charge & accept the proposed sanction.”
- **Referral to Contest the Sanction:** “I admit responsibility for the charge; however, I believe the proposed sanction is disproportionate to my circumstances.”
- **Academic Honor Policy Hearings:**
 - “I’m denying responsibility for the charges and exercise my right to a hearing.”
 - or
 - “I have a prior violation on file; therefore, my case must be resolved via a hearing...”

Basic Statistics

Pre–Pandemic/Pre–Virtual Learning

- Most frequent violation: **Plagiarism** (n = 324)
- 2nd most frequent violation: **Cheating** (n = 281)

Pandemic/Virtual–Learning Period

- Most frequent violation: **Cheating** (n = 529)
- 2nd most frequent violation: **Plagiarism** (n = 310)

Proposed Revisions

Last revised: **April 2020**

- Undergoing further revision as of **April 22, 2022**
- Proposed revisions have been approved by
 - Faculty Senate: **65% majority approval**
 - Student Senate: **Unanimous approval**

Significant Updates

- 4th Resolution Pathway
 - **Administrative Case Resolutions:** 1–on–1 student and administrator meetings to resolve low–complexity second–offense allegations expeditiously.
- Appeals Committee is reduced from **4** standing members to a single appointed faculty member. Consists of a review of the record/proceedings instead of an appellate hearing.
- Potential for single–offense students to appeal for early records expungement (with faculty input strongly weighted).
- **Attempting** (Formerly Charge #8) is now embedded into the remaining **7** charges/violations.

The Academic Honor Policy is (and will remain) educational and non–adversarial in nature.

