



## Honor Board

Stevens Institute of Technology  
Hoboken, New Jersey



“The measure of a man’s character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.”

- Thomas Babington Macaulay

## Recommended Penalty Matrix

Type of Violation	Penalty
<b>Homework</b>	
<b>Copying/Giving Answers</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Zero on the assignment, Removable Academic Sanction pending a five page essay.
	<b>Maximum</b> Letter drop in the course, Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
<b>Lack of Referencing</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Partial credit on the assignment, Removable Academic Sanction pending a five page essay.
	<b>Maximum</b> Zero on the assignment, Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
<b>Prohibited Collaboration</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Partial credit on the assignment, Removable Academic Sanction pending a five page essay.
	<b>Maximum</b> Zero on the assignment, Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
<b>Exam, Quiz, Project, or Paper</b>	
<b>Plagiarism (on less than a paragraph)</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Partial credit on the assignment, Removable Academic Sanction pending a five page essay.
	<b>Maximum</b> Zero on the assignment, Academic Sanction.

<b>Plagiarism (on more than a paragraph)</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Zero on the assignment, Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
	<b>Maximum</b> Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
<b>Giving/Receiving Aid (less than 15% of the final grade)</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Zero on the exam, Removable Academic Sanction pending a five page essay.
	<b>Maximum</b> Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
<b>Giving/Receiving Aid (15%-25% of the final grade)</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Zero on the exam, Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
	<b>Maximum</b> Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
<b>Giving/Receiving Aid (greater than 25% of the final grade)</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Failure in the course, Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
	<b>Maximum</b> Failure in the course, Academic Sanction, one year suspension.
<b>Giving/Receiving Prior Knowledge</b>	Expulsion, Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
<b>Take/Taken Test or Quiz</b>	Expulsion, Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
<b>Final Exam, Project, or Paper</b>	
<b>Giving/Receiving Aid or Plagiarism</b>	<b>Minimum</b> Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
	<b>Maximum</b> Failure in the course, Academic Sanction, one year suspension.
<b>Giving/Receiving Prior Knowledge</b>	Expulsion, Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
<b>Take/Taken Final</b>	Expulsion, Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.

Attendance	
Falsifying Sheet	<b>Minimum</b> Zero for the attendance portion of the final grade.
	<b>Maximum</b> Letter grade drop in the course, Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
Purposeful Breach of Confidentiality	
Committing	<b>Minimum</b> One semester suspension.
	<b>Maximum</b> Expulsion.
Perjury	
Committing	Expulsion.
Miscellaneous	
Forged Grade	Expulsion, Failure in the course, Academic Sanction.
Prior knowledge of the content of a test, midterm, or final through stealing, seizure, purchase, et cetera.	Expulsion, Failure in the course, Academic Sanction..
Violating Exam Room Conditions	<b>Minimum</b> Removable Academic Sanction pending the ethics course.
	<b>Maximum</b> Zero on the exam, Academic Sanction.
Second Violation	
Committing	Expulsion.
Ethics Course	
Plagiarism/Unauthorized Aid	<b>Minimum</b> Failure in the ethics course resulting in an Academic Sanction.
	<b>Maximum</b> Expulsion.

Notes:

- Penalties are assigned on a case-by-case basis. Aggravating and mitigating factors will be considered in the rendering of the final penalty. Factors that are considered include, but are not limited to:
  - Class year of student
  - Type of assignment
  - Amount of assignment affected by the infraction

- Number of assignments affected by the infraction
- Premeditation
- Malicious intent
- Cooperation during the investigation

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