

ACADEMIC HONESTY IN LASSONDE

creative

passionate

rational

confident

ingenious

LASSONDE TAKES VIOLATIONS OF THE SENATE POLICY VERY SERIOUSLY

**Students often make poor decisions under
some common circumstances:**

- Poor time management
- Personal crisis, not asking for help when needed
- Grade pressure

STUDENTS OFTEN MAKE POOR DECISIONS UNDER COMMON CIRCUMSTANCES:

- Poor understanding of the assignment requirements (e.g. how to reference/cite properly, difference between group work/collaboration and group study, etc.)

NOTE: group study is encouraged in engineering & science programs, however assignment solutions should be unique. Everyone thinks and writes differently, therefore no two assignments should be identical, unless explicit permission is given to submit the same work. Helping each other understand a concept or how to approach a problem is different than working on the solution together!

COMMON VIOLATIONS

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Plagiarism

- Copying from a source without proper acknowledgement (writing in any language, code, images, web content etc.)

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Cheating:

- Accessing unauthorized sources during a test/exam (e.g. use of cell phone, websites, “cheat sheets” or “crib notes,” etc.)
- Copying from someone else during a test/exam
- Collaboration when the assessment should be individual
- Submitting work in one class that was submitted in another class without permission of instructor
- Disruption of an academic evaluation (test, exam, presentations, etc.)

COMMON PENALTIES*

1st Offense, 1000 or 2000 level course, assignment-type assessment

- Academic honesty assignment
- 0 on the assessment
- 1 grade point reduction on final grade

1st Offense, 3000 or 4000 level course, assignment-type assessment

- Academic honesty assignment
- 0 on the assessment
- 2 grade point reduction on final grade

*Examples of common penalties, these are not pre-determined or set

WHAT IF YOU COMMIT A 2ND VIOLATION?

- Penalties become very serious very quickly
- Second offense penalties can commonly include assigned failure in a course (the F is always calculated in the OCGPA), Notation on the Transcript, multiple grade point reductions or any combination of penalties
- In serious cases, a suspension from the University may be considered

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU'RE SUSPECTED OF A BREACH OF THE POLICY?

It may take a long time to resolve a case, depending on its complexity and the Faculty case load; academic decisions and grades will not be in effect until it's resolved

In most cases, an exploratory meeting is scheduled as an opportunity to resolve the situation between the faculty member and the student in a more informal way than a hearing, with the help of a facilitator

If resolution is not found at an exploratory meeting, a hearing is scheduled.

WHAT A VIOLATION MEANS

- There is a record kept that a violation happened to track the number of incidents
- You cannot petition to withdraw from the course
- If you do not complete an academic honesty assignment on time, there are further consequences
- Penalties are enforced

IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW:

Please discuss with the course instructor if you have questions or concerns regarding academic integrity. It is better to have this conversation with the instructor before submitting an assignment rather than going through the academic honesty process.

Senate policy available at:

[HTTP://SECRETARIAT-
POLICIES.INFO.YORKU.CA/POLICIES/ACADEMIC-HONESTY-SENATE-
POLICY-ON/](http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-honesty-senate-policy-on/)

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