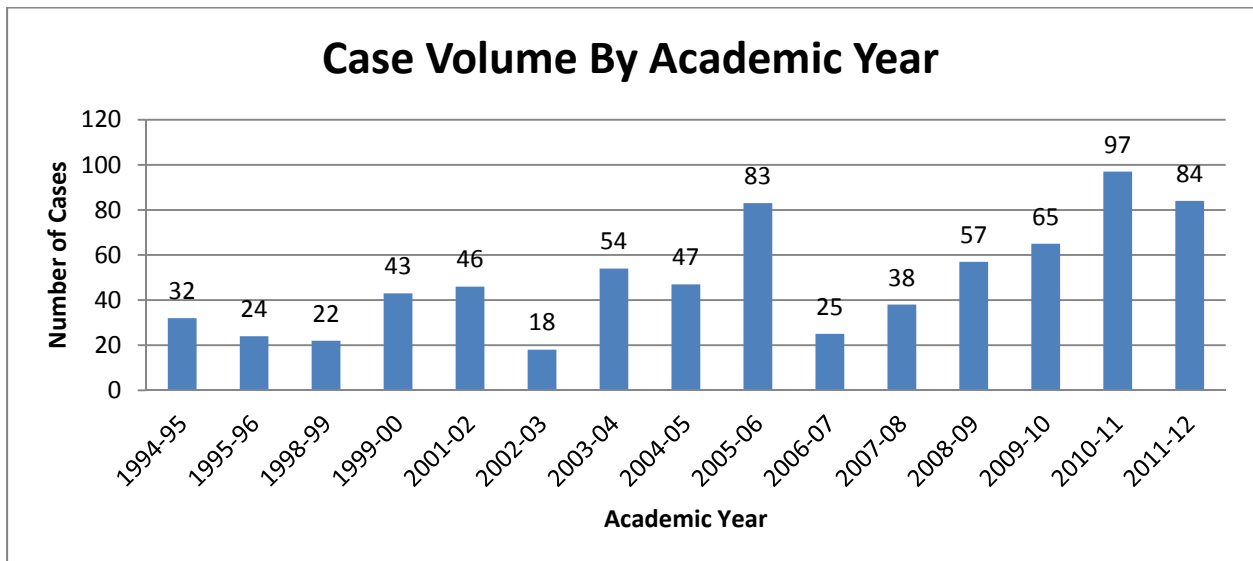


**Honor Council Activity  
Loyola University Maryland  
Annual Report: 2011-2012  
Compiled May, 2012**

**Cases Adjudicated, 2011-2012**

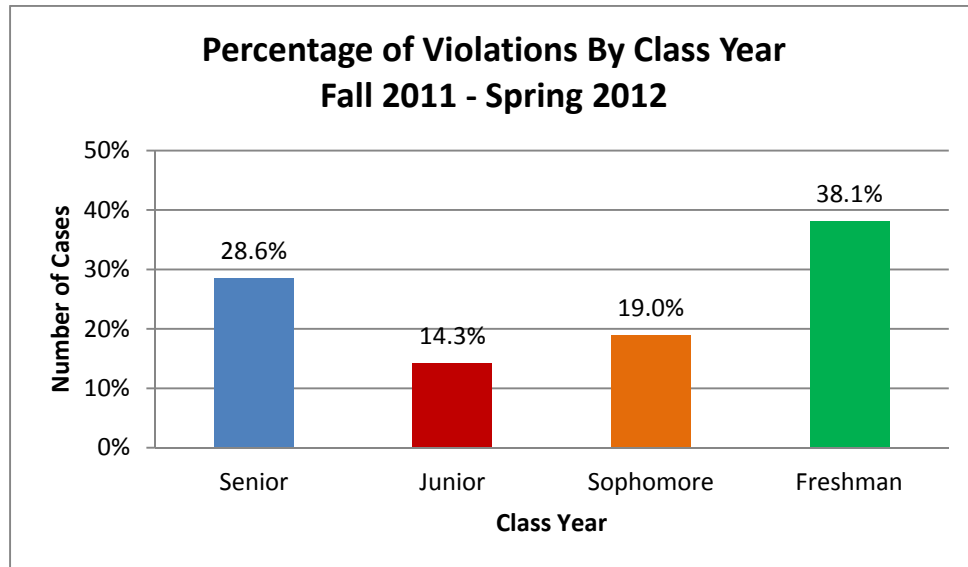
78 sanction hearings  
6 full hearings  
84 completed hearings  
Of these, four were repeat violations



In comparing the case volume of the previous years, the number of cases adjudicated the past five years has been generally increasing. Although there was a slight decrease in cases compared to last year, the number of cases still exceeds years past. Increased case volume may be attributed to several possible factors such as 1) faculty members reporting more violations to the Honor Council; 2) students reporting more violations to faculty for faculty to take action; 3) more students committing acts of academic dishonesty.

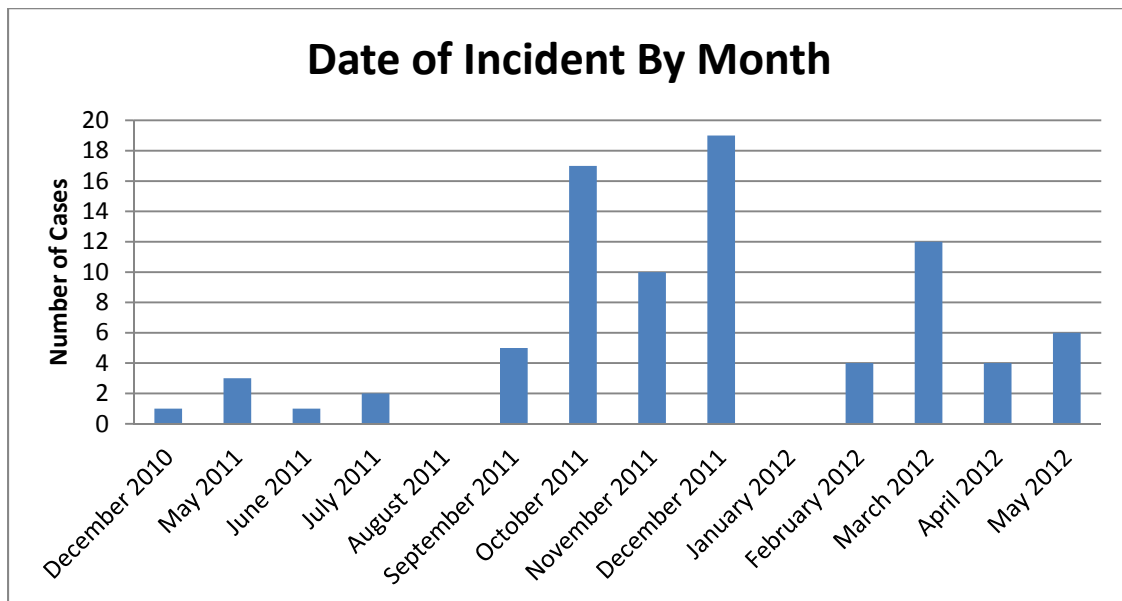
### Honor Code Violations by Class Year

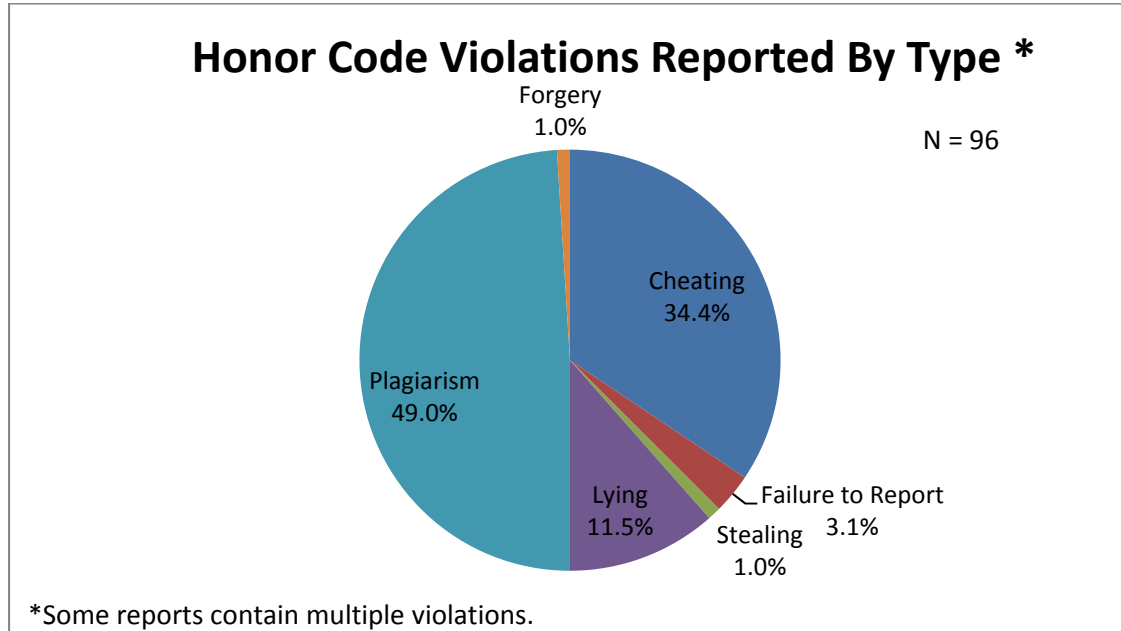
This academic year, freshman students were involved in the highest number of cases reported to the honor council. This is a change from the last two years where sophomores were involved most frequently in violation reports.



### Honor Code Violations by Month

In this respect, the Honor Council does see a fairly consistent trend. Violation reports typically increase toward the close of each semester. Based on the testimony of students in our sanction hearings, we speculate that the reason for this is a combination of: 1) more papers being due toward the end of the semester, 2) students making poor choices in these instances as a result of stress or procrastination.

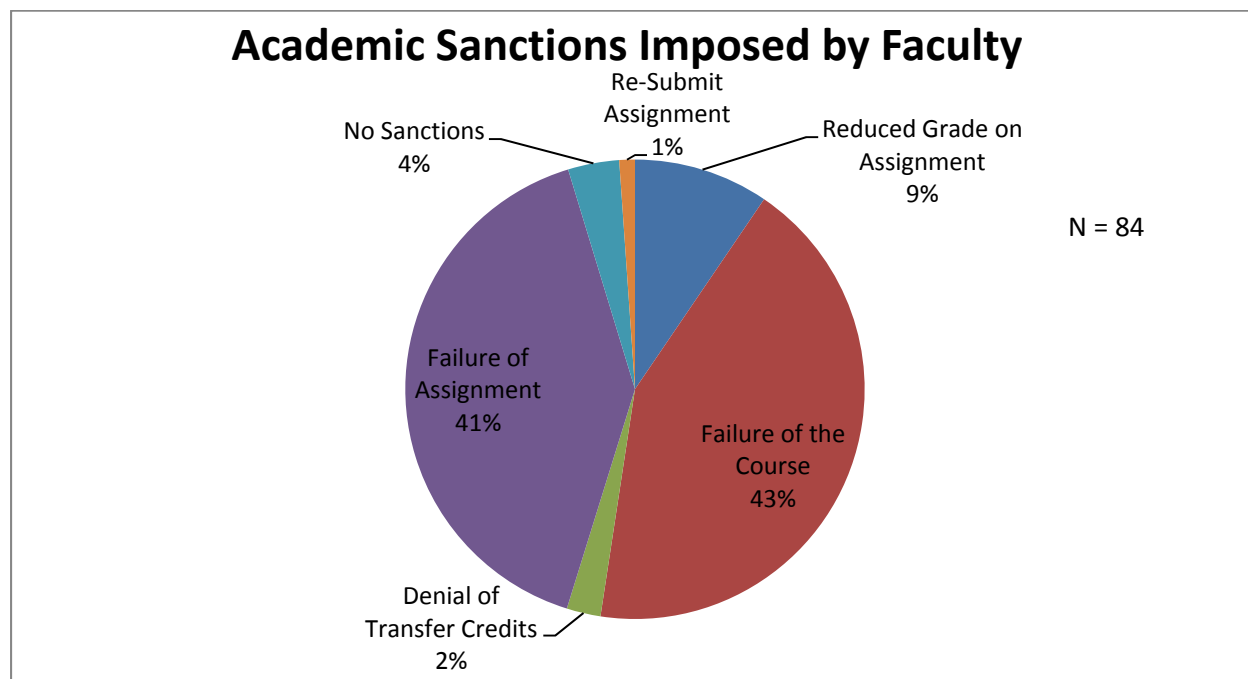


**Types of Violations Reported:**

Violations Reported	Frequency	Percent
Plagiarism	47	49.0%
Cheating	33	34.4%
Lying	11	11.5%
Stealing	1	1.0
Forgery	1	1.0
Failure to Report a Violation	3	3.1
Total	96	100.0

Of the 96 total violations reported, the majority of violations were for plagiarism (49%). The next most frequently reported violation was for cheating (34.4%). The remaining reported violations were for lying in an academic matter (11.5%), failure to report a violation (3.1%), stealing (1%), and forgery (1%). The proportions of the types of violations committed have remained fairly consistent over the years, with plagiarism and cheating being the most common. However, this year the number of cheating violations increased from 19% of the cases to approximately 34.4% of the cases. This may not necessarily be considered a trend, as the majority of the cheating reports were from students in one or two particular courses.

**Academic Sanctions Imposed by Faculty:**



Sanction	Frequency	Percent
Failure of the Course	36	42.9
Failure of Assignment	34	40.5
Re-Submit Assignment	1	1.1
Reduced Grade on Assignment	8	9.5
No Sanctions	3	3.6
Denial of Transfer Credits *	2	2.4
Total	84	100.0

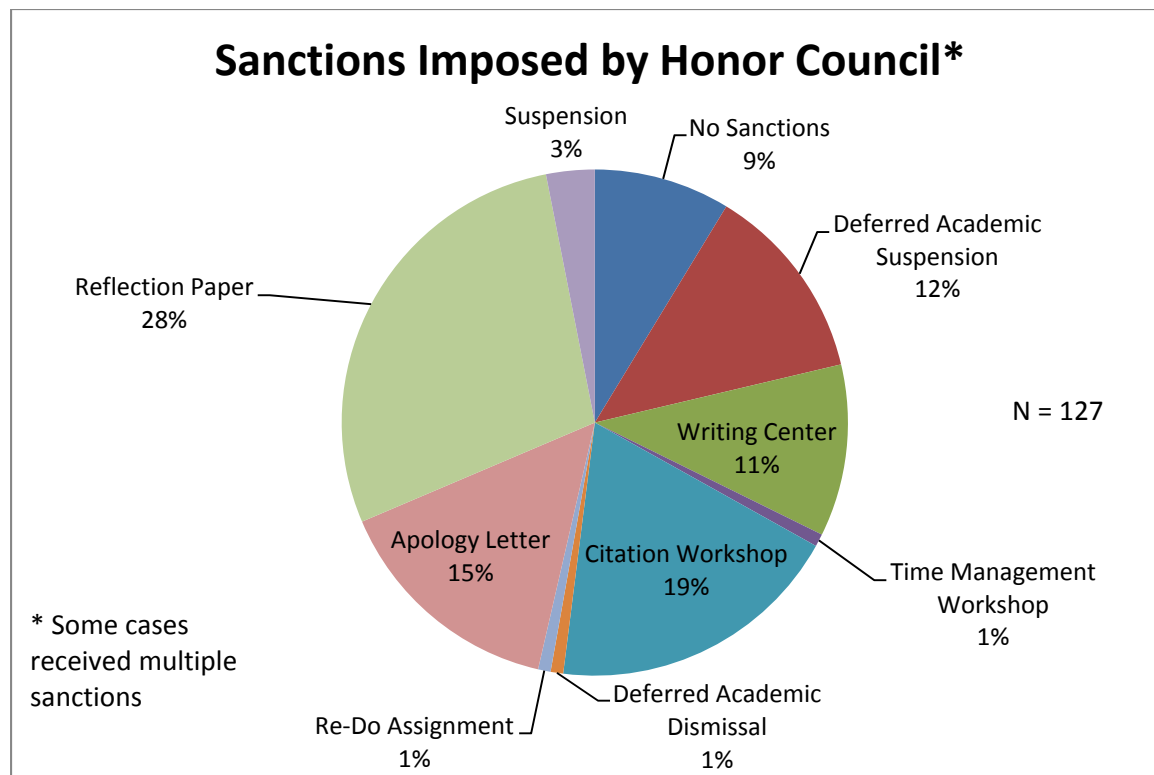
\*Denial of Transfer Credits was imposed in two Administrative cases concerning lying in an academic matter regarding transfer applications.

A majority of the students who committed honor code violations received “Failure of course” (42.9%) and “Failure of Assignment” (40.5%) as academic sanctions. Several academic departments have a “one-sanction” policy for academic integrity violations, which is failure for the course, no matter the particulars of the offense. In the course of hearings, the Honor Council may choose to add additional sanctions that may be punitive or educative in nature (see below).

### Outcome of Hearings:

Of the six full hearings adjudicated in the 2011-2012 academic year, five cases resulted in a “responsible” finding, and one resulted in a “not responsible” decision. As of May 2012, no individuals appealed the decision of the honor council. Some students do choose to appeal the academic sanctions imposed by the faculty member; however, the Honor council is not typically notified of these appeals.

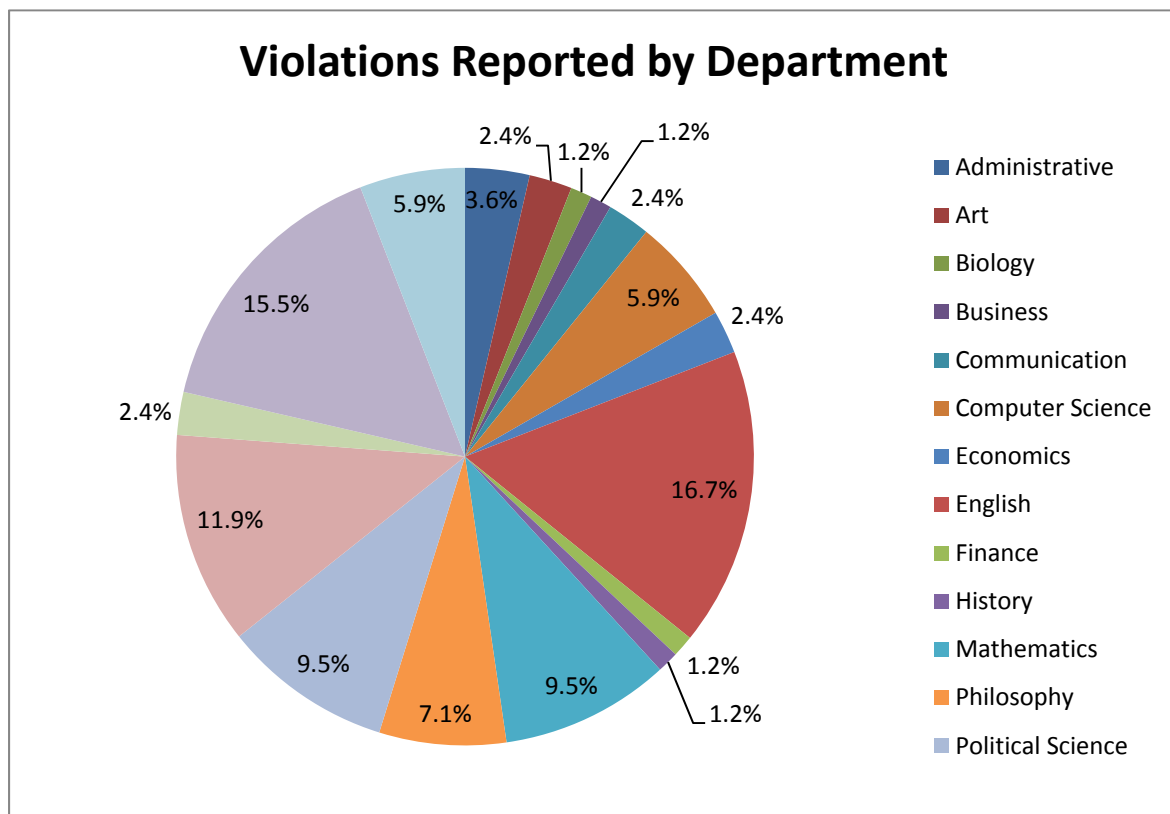
### Sanctions Imposed By the Honor Council



Sanction	Frequency	Percent
Deferred Academic Suspension	16	12.6
Citation Workshop	24	18.9
Reflection Paper	36	28.3
Re- Do assignment	1	.8
Time Management Workshop	1	.8
Writing Center Consultation	14	11.0
Apology Letter	19	15.0
Suspension	4	3.1
No Additional Sanctions	11	8.7
Total	127	100.0

The Honor Council imposes sanctions based upon the Honor Code Violation Report that is completed by the accusing professor, and the testimony of the student during a hearing. The most commonly imposed sanctions by the Honor Council in the 2011-2012 academic year were a reflection paper (28.3 %), a citation workshop (18.9 %) and deferred academic suspension (12.6%). The Honor Council aims to be educative, while upholding the severity of violations and their impact on the Loyola community. It is not unusual for the Honor Council to impose multiple sanctions in which they assign an educative (i.e. workshops) and a punitive sanction (i.e. deferred academic suspension).

### **Reporting Departments:**



In the 2011-2012 academic year, the majority of violations were reported by the English department (16.7%). Theology (15.5%), Psychology (11.9%), and the Mathematics (9.5%) department follow as the next highest reporting departments.

Three of the reported violations were reported by Disability Support Services for students who committed acts of academic dishonesty while under their supervision (i.e. while taking a test). The students were reported for violations in Economics and Communication (2).

## Violations Reported by Academic Department

Department	Percentage	Frequency
Administrative	3.6%	3
Art	2.4%	2
Biology	1.2%	1
Business	1.2%	1
Communication	2.4%	2
Computer Science	5.9%	5
Economics	2.4%	2
English	16.7%	14
Finance	1.2%	1
History	1.2%	1
Mathematics	9.5%	8
Philosophy	7.1%	6
Political Science	9.5%	8
Psychology	11.9%	10
Spanish	2.4%	2
Theology	15.5%	13
Writing	5.9%	5
Total	100.0%	84