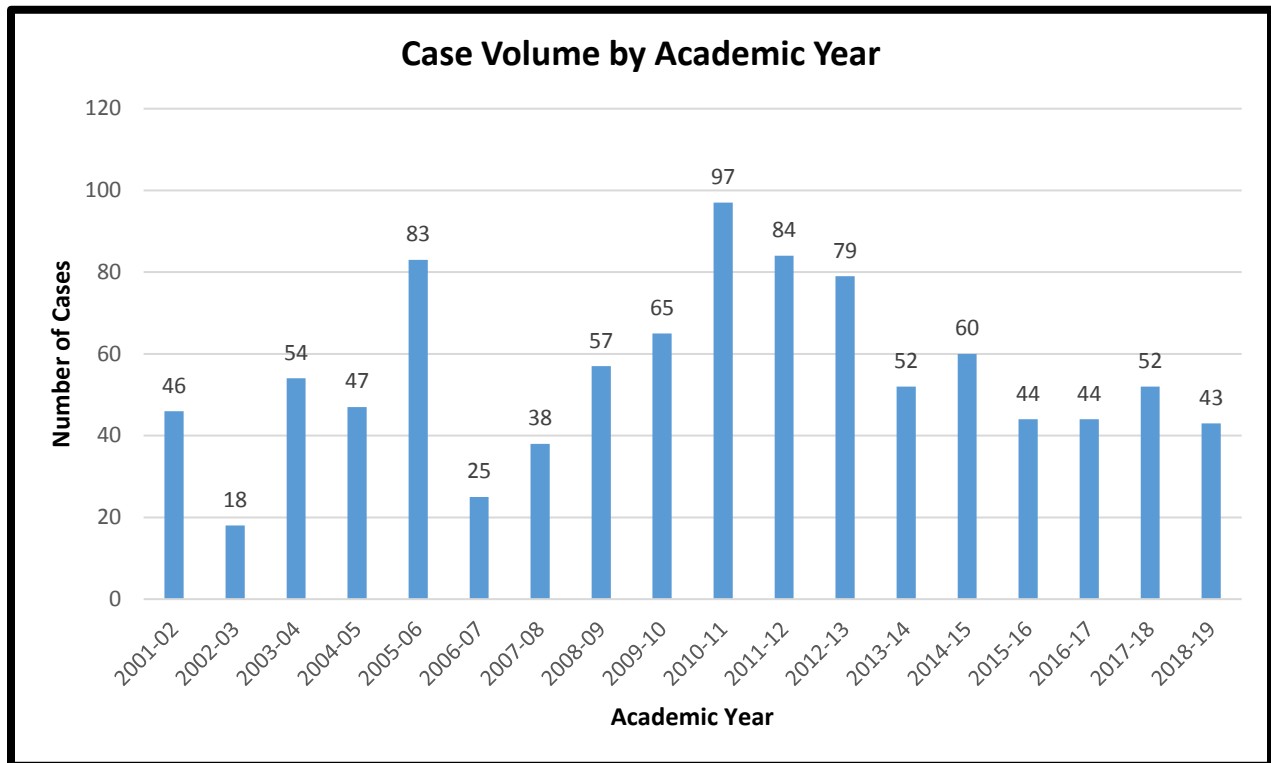


**Honor Council Hearing Activity
Loyola University Maryland
Annual Report: 2018-2019**

Cases Adjudicated, 2018-19

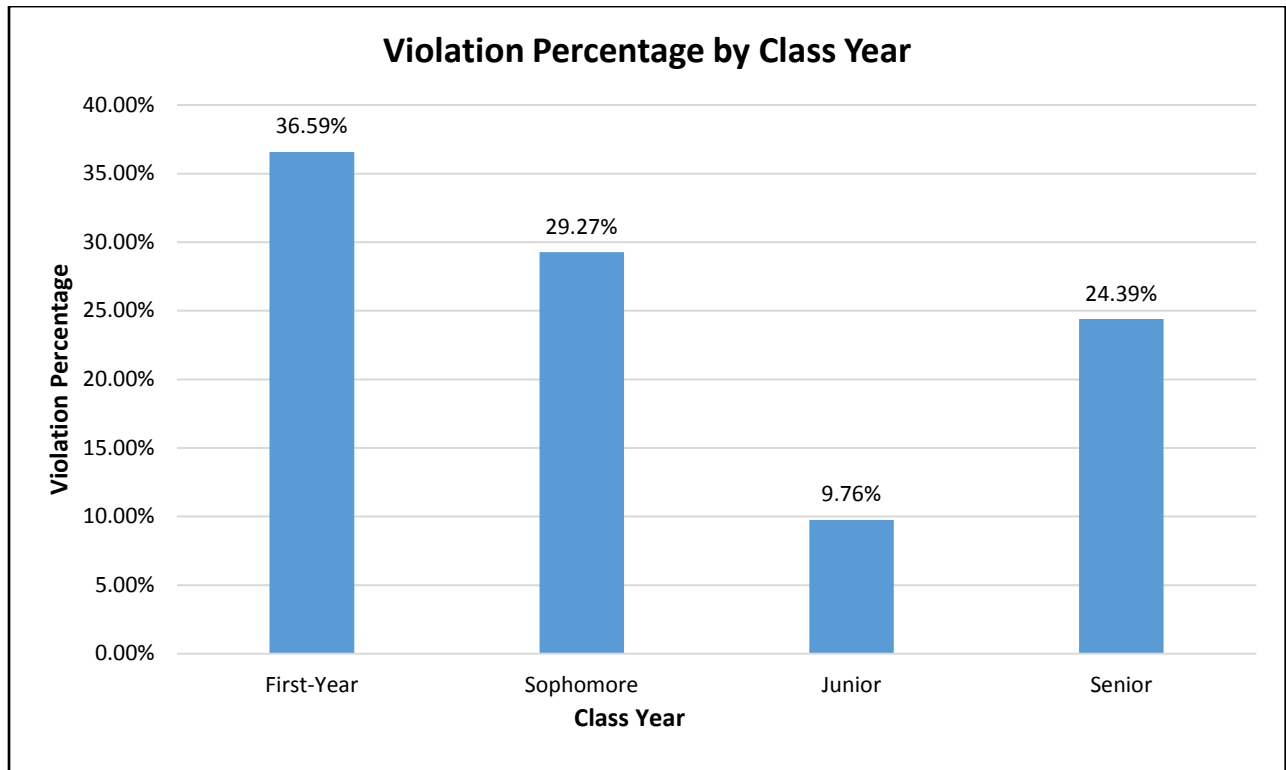
43 completed hearings
Of these, 2 were repeat violations
41 were sanction hearings
2 were full hearings



The Honor Council adjudicated 43 cases during the 2018-2019 academic year, a decrease of nine cases from the previous year, and the fewest number of cases since AY2007-2008. The Honor Council has adjudicated fewer than 45 cases during three of the past four academic years.

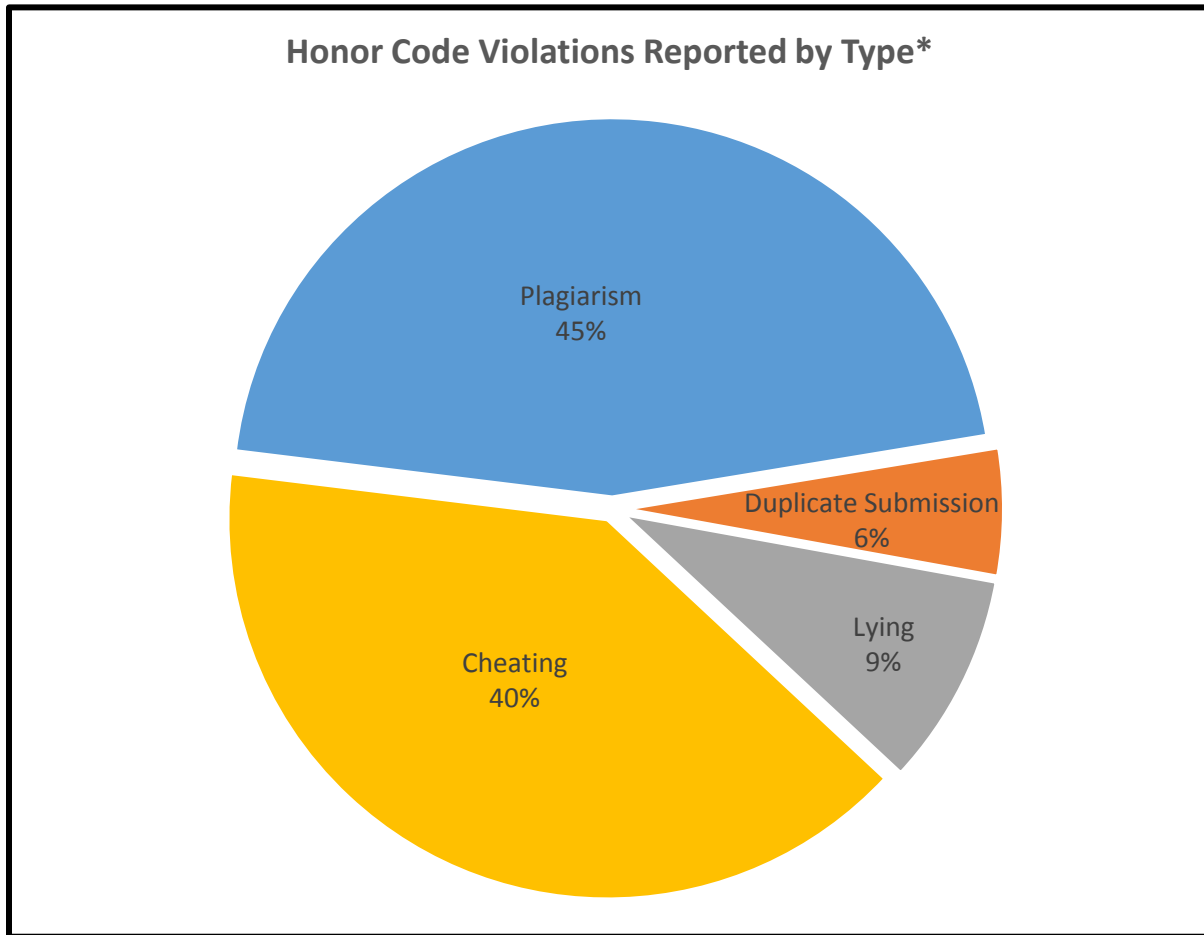
The Council continued to focus its efforts on outreach and prevention. The Honor Council Co-Chairs and Administrative Moderator visited over 12 first-year Messina class sections. In 50-minute sessions, they discussed honor code policies and engaged students in citation exercises and discussion about various components of the honor code. The online tutorial on academic integrity was completed by virtually all incoming first year students in the fall as a requirement for spring course registration. The Honor Council Chairs discussed intentions to work more closely with academic departments and individual faculty members in examining certain classroom / examination practices, and possible relationships to both reported and unreported incidents of alleged cheating.

Honor Code Violations by Class Year



This chart is based on the 41 honor council cases that resulted in a finding of “responsible” in the 2018-2019 academic year. The proportion of violations by class year is similar to what has been observed over the past several years, with first year students and sophomores having the largest number of violations, and juniors having the fewest. Roughly half of the junior class studies abroad, resulting in a smaller population of these students present.

Types of Violations Adjudicated

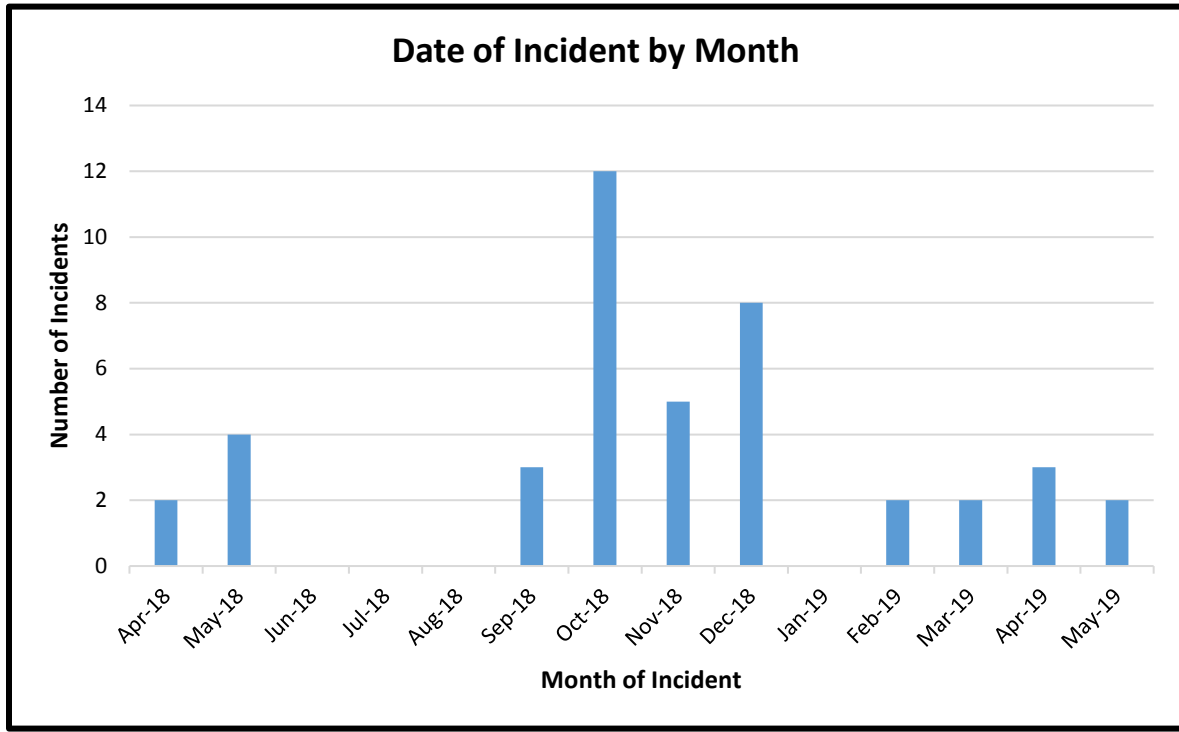


*A single report can contain multiple violations

Violations Adjudicated	Number of incidents	Percentage of incidents
Plagiarism	25	45%
Cheating	22	40%
Lying	5	9%
Duplicate Submission	3	6%
Total	55	100%

Among the 43 cases adjudicated during the 2018-19 academic year, the most commonly reported violation was plagiarism, present in 45% of the incidents, followed by cheating, present in 40% of the reported incidents. This data continues a historical pattern in which plagiarism and cheating have been the first and second-most commonly reported violations, respectively. There were no reported incidents of stealing, lying, or forgery this past academic year.

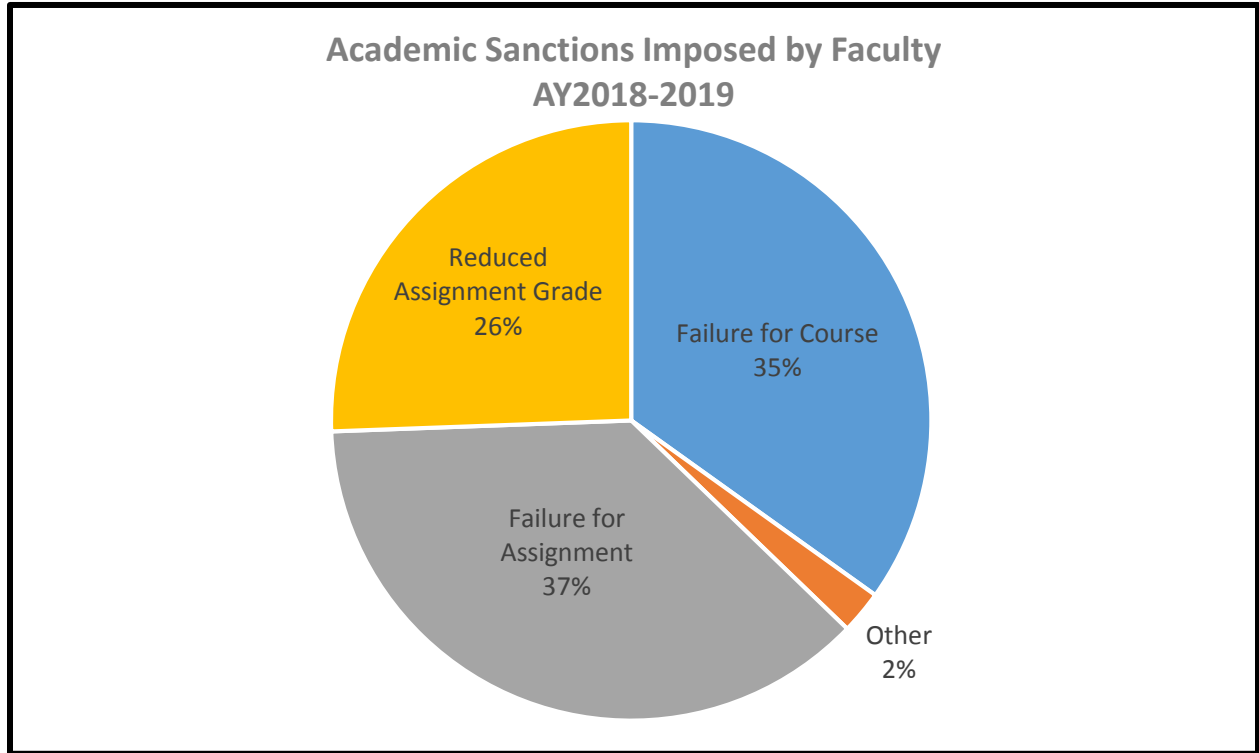
Honor Code Violations by Month



The above chart indicates the month during which each incident originally occurred, corresponding to the 43 cases adjudicated during the 2018-19 academic year. A majority occurred during the midterm and finals period of the fall semester, which is a commonly observed pattern from year to year. However, it is somewhat unusual for there to be such a spike in cases in October. This may suggest an opportunity for earlier educational outreach initiatives to take place as, or before, midterm exams begin.

It is common for some incidents that occur toward the end of the spring semester to “roll over” to the following fall semester. This past academic year, six incidents were in this category during April and May 2018, and were adjudicated once Honor Council activity resumed in September.

Academic Sanctions Imposed by Faculty



Academic Sanction	Frequency	Percent
Failure for the Assignment	16	37%
Failure for the Course	15	35%
Reduced Assignment Grade	11	26%
Other	1	2%
Total	43	100%

During the 2018-19 academic year, all adjudicated Honor Code cases were reported by faculty, who generally impose an academic sanction separate from any Honor Council sanctions. In one case not reflected in the charts above, the accused student withdrew from the university before his case could be adjudicated. In two cases, the reported students were found “not responsible” for an honor code violation, and the respective faculty dropped any academic sanctions related to the alleged incidents. The figures above represent the academic sanctions imposed in the remaining 41 cases. Each case carried one academic sanction, with the exception of one case, which included both a reduced assignment grade and an adjustment in the excused absence policy.

Outcomes of Hearings

The Honor Council adjudicated two of its 43 cases as full hearings during the 2018-19 academic year. The Council conducts a full hearing when a student contests an accusation by not accepting responsibility for the reported violation. In the two cases, the accused student was found “not responsible” for an honor code violation.

One sanction the Honor Council may impose in cases where a student is found responsible for an honor code violation is the recommendation for academic suspension. Students may choose to appeal an honor council decision for various reasons. This past academic year, one individual appealed the sanction of recommendation for suspension. The recommendation to suspend was overturned by the Honor Code Appeal Board, and the sanction was modified.

The Council itself does not have the power to impose academic suspension, but in making a recommendation for suspension, defers to the Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Students to make a decision. The Honor Council recommended academic suspension in two additional cases this year. In both of these instances, the Dean elected not to suspend the students, and the students’ sanctions were modified.

Sanctions Imposed by Honor Council

Honor Council Sanction	Frequency	Percent
Reflection Paper	16	20.8%
Deferred Academic Suspension	15	19.5%
Consultation with the Writing Center	9	11.7%
Academic Integrity Seminar	9	11.7%
Letter of Apology	7	9.1%
No additional sanction	7	9.1%
Consultation with The Study	6	7.8%
Other consultation	3	3.9%
Recommend Suspension	3	3.9%
Academic Integrity Tutorial	1	1.3%
Other	1	1.3%
Total	77	100.0%

*A single case can receive multiple sanctions

During the 2018-19 academic year, the most commonly imposed sanctions by the Honor Council were reflection papers (20.8%), and deferred academic suspension (19.5%). Considered as a group, consultations with various resources on campus comprised the largest proportion of sanctions at a total of 23.4%. These resources, such as the Writing Center, The Study, Disability Support Services, and the Class Dean all provide support to students who have committed academic integrity violations, and are assigned in the hope of preventing even an accidental recurrence.

Violations Reported by Department

Academic Department	Frequency	Percent
Computer Science	10	23.3%
Theology	8	18.6%
Philosophy	4	9.3%
Modern Languages and Literatures	4	9.3%
Accounting	3	7.0%
English	3	7.0%
History	3	7.0%
Biology	2	4.7%
Political Science	2	4.7%
Psychology	2	4.7%
Physics	1	2.3%
Mathematics and Statistics	1	2.3%
Total	43	100.0%

Computer Science (23.3%) and Theology (18.6%) were the top two reporting departments for Honor Code violations during the 2018-2019 academic year. All of the reports from these departments pertained to introductory (100 and 200 level) courses. In fact, of all 43 reports received in the past academic year, only eight (18.6%) were from upper (300 and 400 level) courses.