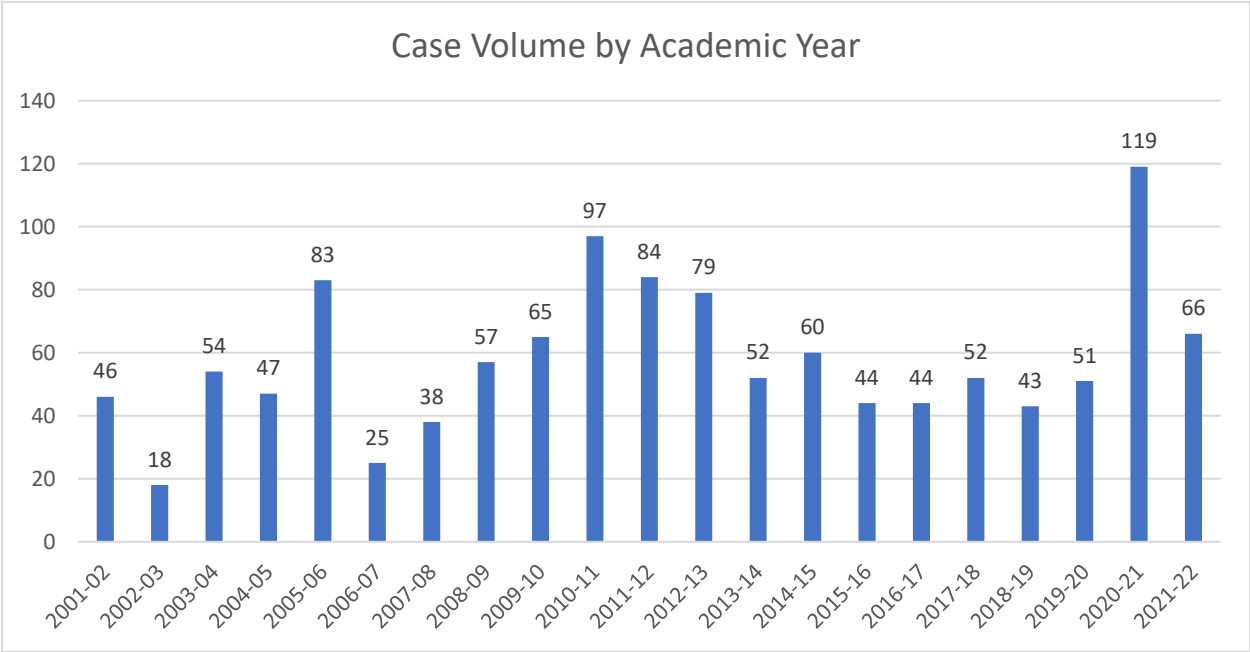


**Honor Council Hearing Activity
Loyola University Maryland
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Cases Adjudicated, 2021-2022

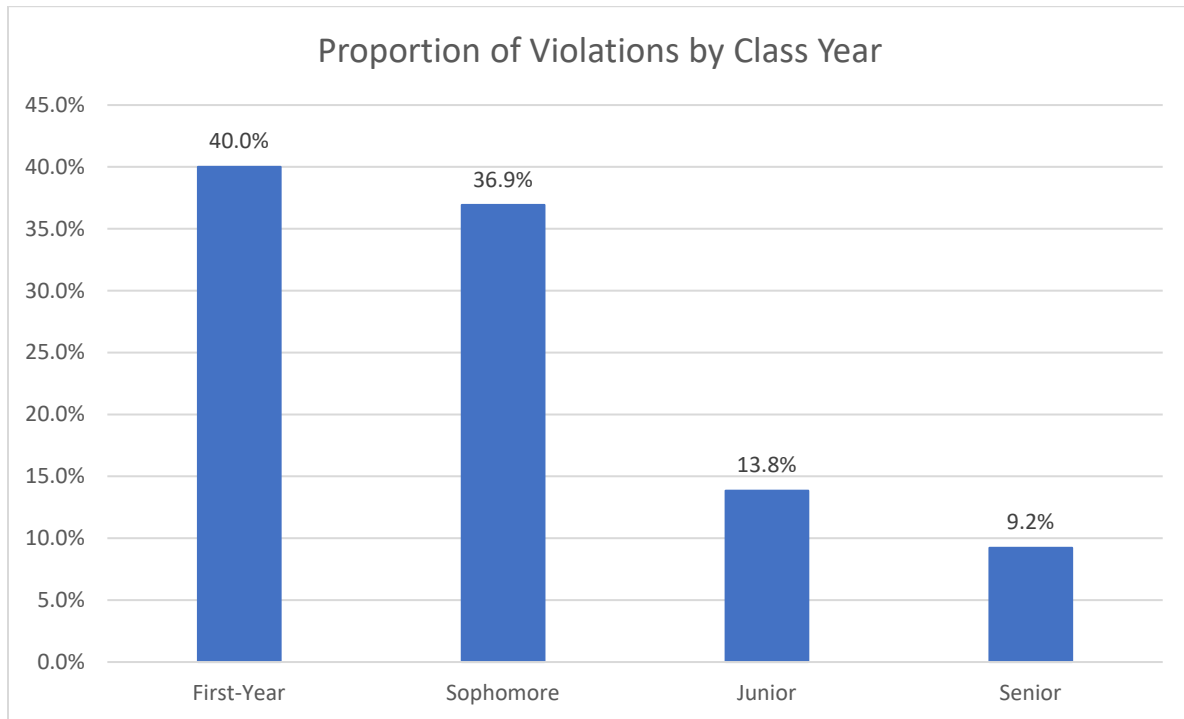
66 completed hearings
Of these, 5 were repeat violations
59 were sanction hearings
7 were full hearings



The Honor Council adjudicated 66 cases during the 2021-2022 academic year, including summer. This number represents a return to a somewhat more “normal” number of cases: a significant decrease (-45%) in the number of cases compared to the all-time high of 119 cases last year, but an increase of about 23% compared to 2019-2020 levels.

The Honor Council continued the practice of conducting hearings online via Zoom this past academic year, but students who wished to meet in person for advising before a hearing occurred were afforded the opportunity to do so.

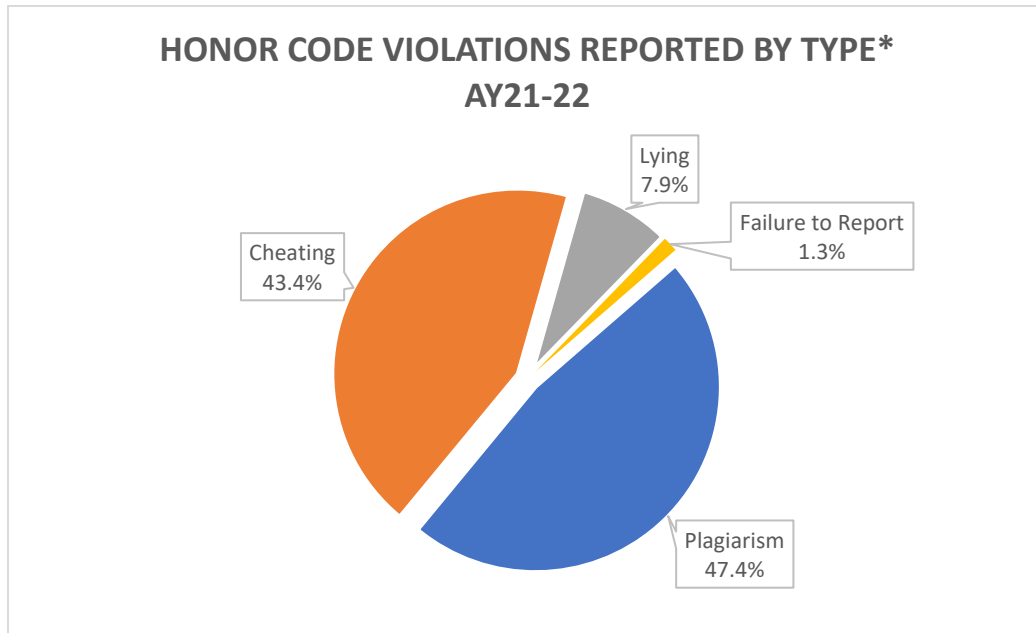
Honor Code Violations by Class Year



This chart is based on the 65 honor council cases that resulted in a finding of “responsible” in the 2021-2022 academic year. It is common for first and second-year students to have the highest representation of violations proportionally. The five repeat violations that were adjudicated were from students in each class year (1 first-year, 2 sophomore, 1 junior, and 1 senior).

It is difficult to measure the impact of the pandemic and remote learning in high school on the preparation of students for university-level work and expectations, or the level of acquisition of study and time management skills during that time compared to fully in-person, pre-pandemic learning. One may speculate that disruptions in the learning environment could have inhibited the acquisition of study and time management skills, and possibly encouraged dependence on unauthorized resources in the completion of assignments.

Types of Violations Adjudicated

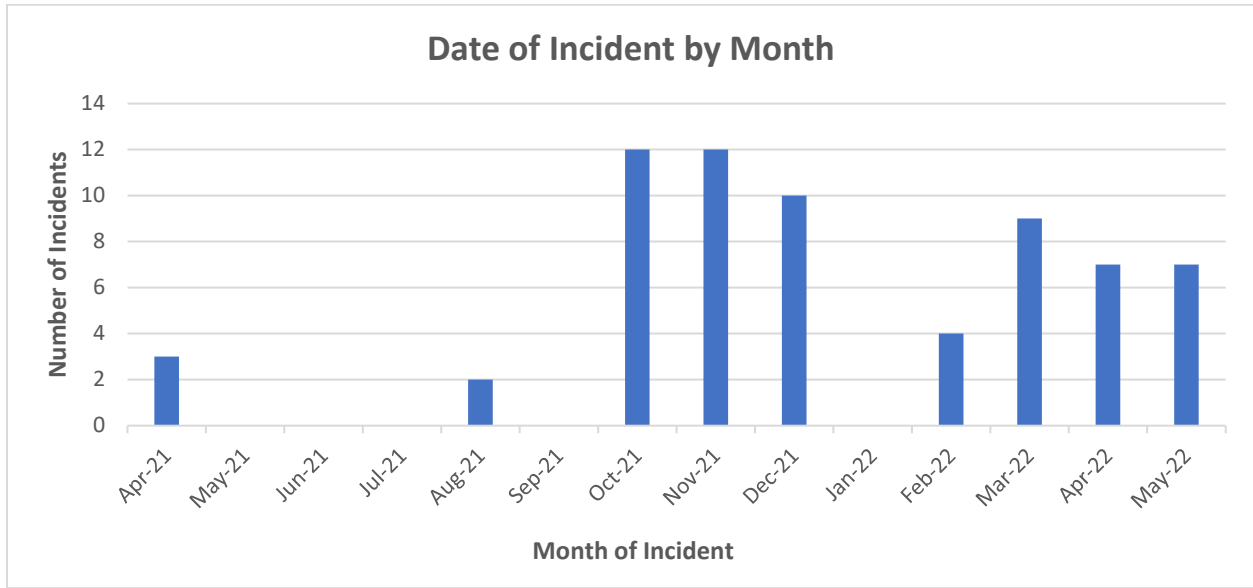


*A single report can contain multiple violations

Violation Adjudicated	Number of Incidents	Percent
Plagiarism	36	47.4%
Cheating	33	43.4%
Lying in an academic matter	6	7.9%
Failure to report a violation	1	1.3%
Total	76	100%

Among the 66 cases adjudicated during the 2021-2022 academic year, the most frequently reported violation was plagiarism, which was present in 47.4% of the incidents, followed by cheating, present in 43.4% of the reported incidents. This data more closely matches traditional patterns observed before the pandemic, with cheating no longer the most frequently reported type of incident. (Note that a single case report may involve more than one type of violation).

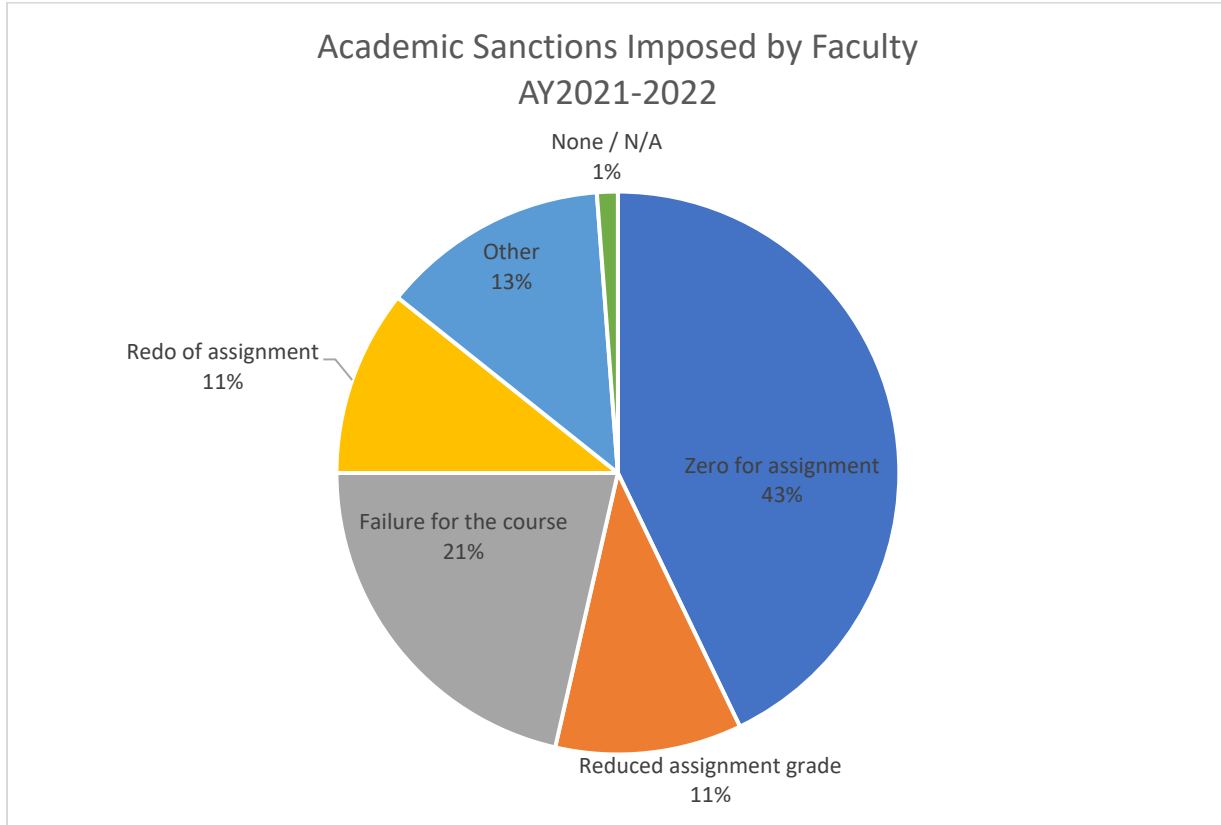
Honor Code Violations by Month



The above chart indicates the month during which each incident originally occurred, corresponding to the 66 cases adjudicated during the 2021-2022 academic year.

It is common for a number of cases to “roll over” for adjudication during the next academic year. These cases usually occur toward the end of the spring semester. The Honor Council did continue to conduct sanction hearings through summer 2022, but six cases will need to be heard in the fall 2022 semester.

Academic Sanctions Imposed by Faculty



Academic Sanctions Imposed by Faculty	Frequency	Percent
Zero for the assignment / exam	36	43%
Reduced grade for assignment / exam (not zero)	9	11%
Failure for the course	18	21%
Redo / Resubmission of assignment	9	11%
No academic sanction / N/A	1	1%
Total	73	100.0%

During the 2021-2022 academic year, all adjudicated Honor Code cases but one were reported by faculty, who generally impose an academic sanction separate from any Honor Council sanctions. Each case can carry more than one academic sanction. The one non-academic report involved a case of lying in a hearing.

Outcomes of Hearings

The Honor Council adjudicated 7 of its 66 cases as full hearings during the 2021-2022 academic year. The Council conducts a full hearing when a student contests an accusation by not accepting responsibility for the reported violation. In one case, the accused student was found “not responsible” for an honor code violation.

Sanctions Imposed by Honor Council

Honor Council Sanction	Frequency	Percent
Reflection Paper	35	30.2%
Academic Integrity Seminar	23	19.8%
Deferred Academic Suspension	22	19.0%
Consultation @ Writing Center	11	9.5%
Apology Letter	8	6.9%
Consultation @ The Study	5	4.3%
No additional sanctions	5	4.3%
Deferred Academic Dismissal/Expulsion	3	2.6%
Recommendation for Suspension	3	2.6%
Consultation (Other)	1	0.9%
Total	116	100.0%

*A single case can receive multiple sanctions

Honor Council panels may impose sanctions in addition to the academic sanctions assigned by the accusing faculty member. Honor Council sanctions are primarily educative, with an aim to assist the student in realizing the impact of a violation on the greater community, and when appropriate, to provide appropriate referrals in an effort to prevent mistakes from occurring again. In instances of repeat or more egregious violations, however, more punitive measures are sometimes taken.

Violations Reported by Department

Academic Department	Frequency	Percent
Computer Science	15	22.7
Biology	12	18.2
Theology	10	15.2
Philosophy	6	9.1
English	6	9.1
Information Systems, Law & Operations	5	7.6
Mathematics and Statistics	4	6.1
Writing	3	4.5
Engineering	3	4.5
History	1	1.5
Non-Academic Department	1	1.5
Total		100.0

The majority of reported cases in the 2021-2022 academic year were from Computer Science and Biology. It should be noted, however, that *reported* cases may not be representative of the *actual* number of academic integrity violations that occur at the university. In some instances, some violations may go unreported because there may be a lack of available evidence. This may also explain why in the majority of cases that are reported, a student accepts responsibility for the reported violation.

The Honor Council is grateful to the faculty of the departments represented above for their time in preparing reports and their role in preserving academic integrity in the Loyola community.

**Appendix A:
Honor Council Membership**Co-Chairs

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Emma Siu
Sophia Spedden
Stephen Tenaglia
Sophia Theodore
Claire Volz
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Graduate Assistant
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End of Report
