

Honor Council Hearing Activity
 Loyola University Maryland
 Annual Report: 2023-2024

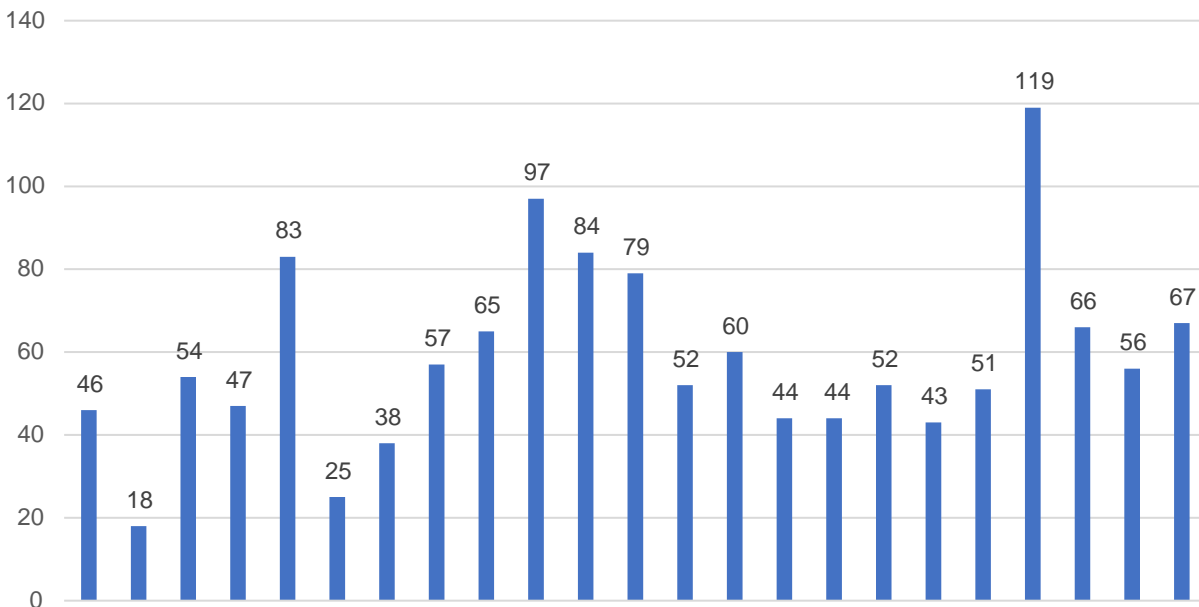
Cases Adjudicated, 2023-2024 Academic Year

67 completed hearings

Of these, 10 were repeat violations

47 were sanction hearings

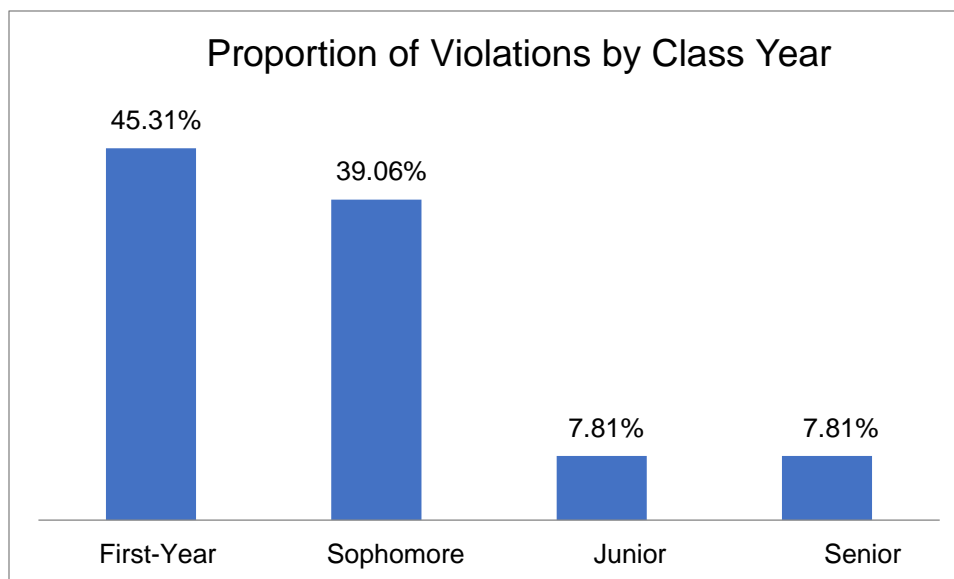
20 were full hearings



The Honor Council adjudicated 67 cases during the 2023-2024 academic year, including the summer of 2024. While the overall number of cases represents almost a 20% increase over academic year 2022-2023, the total is closely similar to the 66 cases adjudicated the year prior. The Council had been bracing itself for a more significant increase in the number of cases due to greater availability of AI and AI tools such as ChatGPT and CoPilot. Even tools that had not been associated with AI in the past, such as Grammarly, have now integrated artificial intelligence in the assistance they provide.

The Council has begun to record the number of cases that involved use of AI. Last year, 27% of the adjudicated cases had to do with AI use. This year, that proportion has risen to 52% of the cases.

Honor Code Violations by Class Year



The chart above is based on the 64 honor council cases that resulted in a finding of “responsible” in the 2023-2024 academic year. First-year students continue to represent the highest proportion of cases at 45.3%. This year, however, the number of cases concerning juniors and seniors was more than halved, from 16% and 12.5% last year for juniors and seniors, respectively, to only 7.8% for each class this year. The number of cases involving sophomores, however, doubled to 39%.

It is difficult to make generalizations based on such a small sample size. For example, of the 25 sophomore cases that were adjudicated, 14 were from one course.

The cases that involved AI this past academic year were all classified as cheating (involving the unauthorized use of assistance in the completion of an assignment), plagiarism (passing off materials “written” by the AI tool as one’s own).

The Honor Council has integrated more discussion of the use of AI and the prevention of cheating in its presentations to first-year Messiahs and in the Academic Integrity Tutorial, which is required of all incoming undergraduate students.

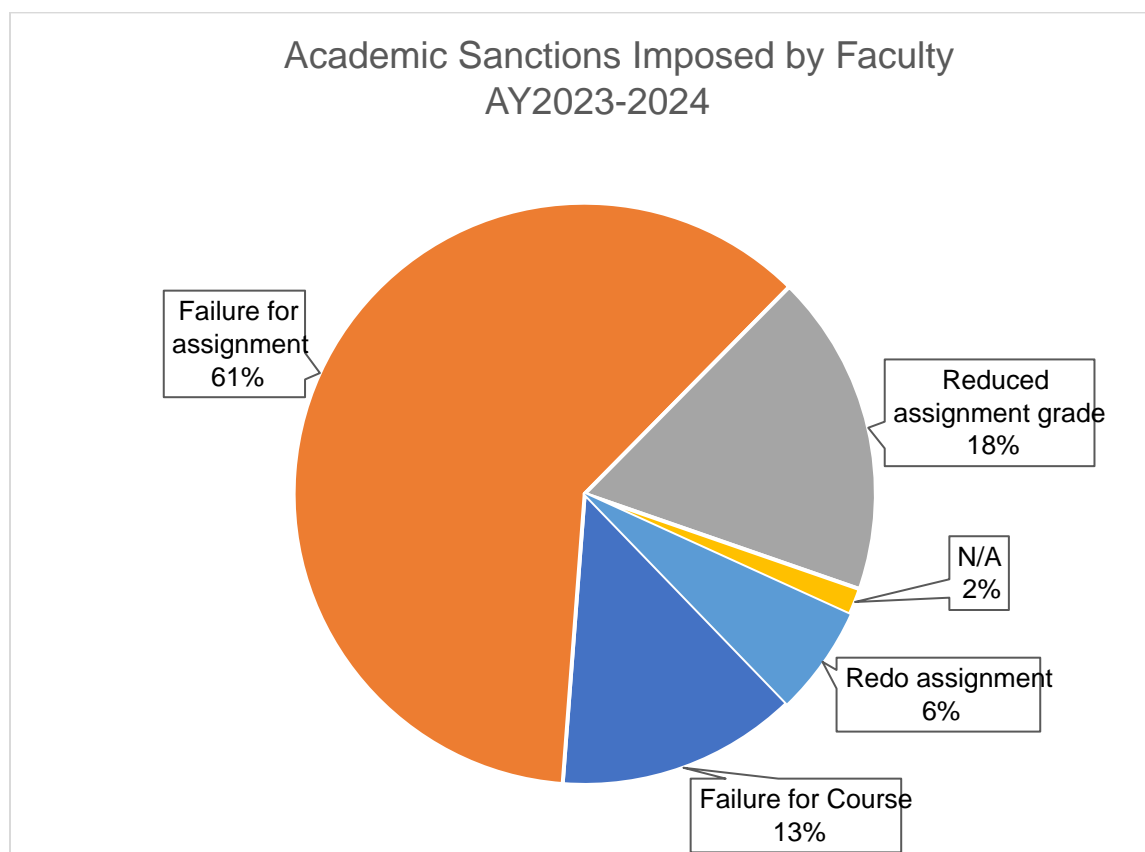
Types of Violations Adjudicated



take-home exams and papers, or assignments developed iteratively, such as workshopped papers, may be contributing to fewer reports of violations.

On the other hand, it is also possible that faculty reporting is decreasing. Accusations related to improper use of AI, for example, are often more complex and less straightforward to identify than some other instances of plagiarism, such as copying a paragraph from a published source.

Academic Sanctions Imposed by Faculty



Academic Sanctions Imposed by Faculty	Frequency	Percent
Zero / failure for the assignment / exam	41	61
Reduced grade for assignment / exam (not zero)	12	18
Failure for the course	9	13
Redo assignment	4	6
N/A	1	2
Total	67	100

Honor Code violations can be reported by faculty, staff, administrators, and other students. Most are reported by teaching faculty, and academic sanctions usually accompany these reports. These sanctions are separate from any sanctions imposed by the Honor Council.

Violations Reported by Department

Academic Department	Frequency	Percent
Computer Science	15	22.4
Philosophy	10	14.9
Theology	8	11.9
Biology	5	7.5
Modern Languages	4	6.0
History	3	4.5
Speech Language Pathology	3	4.5
Writing	3	4.5
English	2	3.0
Forensic Studies	2	3.0
Honor Council	2	3.0
Physics	2	3.0
Political Science	2	3.0
Accounting	1	1.5
Classics	1	1.5
Data Science	1	1.5
Education	1	1.5
Information Systems	1	1.5
Mathematics	1	1.5
Total	67	

The majority of reported cases in the 2023-2024 academic year were from the departments of

Appendix A:
Honor Council Membership

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