

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT HONOR CODE OFFICE

Division of Student Affairs

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

I. INTRODUCTION

The Student Honor Code Office (SHCO) is responsible for investigating alleged violations of the Student Honor Code and for coordinating the conduct process. **This report reflects data for the 2025-2026 academic year.** The Student Honor Code Office processed **278** cases of academic misconduct during the 2025-2026 academic year.

II. STUDENT HONOR CODE CASE REPORTS

The SHCO receives reports for conduct action from faculty members. Reports with sufficient information to indicate a potential violation of the Student Honor Code are assigned to a conduct officer for further investigation and eventual resolution. Cases are resolved in one of three ways: *no violation/not responsible, administratively, or through a Student Honor Code Council board hearing.* Cases are resolved administratively when a student accepts responsibility for violating the Student Honor Code, agrees with the outcomes recommended by the faculty member, and waives the right to a formal hearing. If a student disputes involvement in a violation of the Student Honor Code or does not agree with the recommended outcomes from the faculty member, the case is resolved through a *Student Honor Code Council board hearing.*

Reports by Type of Adjudication for Student Honor Code Cases for the Past Three Years

(Note: Cases withdrawn and open/pending are not reflected in adjudication data)

	Spring 2026	Fall 2025	Spring 2025	Fall 2024	Spring 2024	Fall 2023	Total
Students Reported	136	142	166	221	146	194	1005
Adjudicated by Instructor	5	22	8	30	24	34	123
Adjudicated by Honor Code Board	6	8	13	26	15	22	90
Adjudicated by Honor Code Staff	99	74	145	165	107	138	728

III. STUDENT HONOR CODE CASE RESOLUTIONS

Student Honor Code cases are not necessarily resolved in the semester in which they were reported to the SHCO. Statistics in this report reflect data for cases that were reported during the 2025-2026 academic year regardless of when they were adjudicated.

Demographic Information for the Past Three Semesters

	Spring 2026	Fall 2025	Spring 2025	Fall 2024	Spring 2024	Fall 2023	Total
Students Reported	136	142	166	221	146	194	1005
CLASSIFICATION							
Freshman	27	36	23	59	23	46	214
Sophomore	23	27	34	40	25	36	185
Junior	29	20	64	56	42	44	255
Senior	48	43	38	51	42	43	265
Graduate	9	16	7	15	14	25	86
GENDER							
Male	86	82	95	127	82	93	565
Female	50	60	71	94	64	101	440
RACE							
African American	37	53	45	67	35	51	288
Caucasian	75	68	97	114	86	120	560
Asian	4	4	3	9	5	0	25
Hispanic	6	7	11	8	2	8	42
Other	14	10	10	23	18	15	90

Academic Dishonesty Cases Adjudicated Over 10 Years

Academic Year	25-26	24-25	23-24	22-23	21-22	20-21	19-20	18-19	17-18	16-17	Total
Students Reported	278	387	340	314	323	460	460	404	418	396	3,780

Academic Dishonesty Cases Adjudicated Over 5 Years

Academic Year	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
Students Reported	278	387	340	314	323

Cases by Classification

Academic Year	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
Freshmen	63	82	69	41	43
Sophomores	50	74	61	52	49
Juniors	49	120	86	64	71
Seniors	91	89	85	127	142
Graduates	25	22	39	30	18

Total Reports by College – Per Semester

Colleges	Spring 2026	Fall 2025	Spring 2025	Fall 2024	Spring 2024	Fall 2023	Total
Academic Affairs	6	6	6	11	10	11	50
Integrative Studies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ag. & Life Sciences	15	15	10	22	20	25	107
CAAD	2	4	2	7	4	8	27
Arts & Sciences	20	37	25	47	25	46	199
Business	19	23	61	25	33	47	208
CVM	0	1	2	1	0	0	4
Education	23	27	14	22	24	38	148
Bagley College of Engineering	44	23	35	71	26	15	215
Forest Resources	5	5	8	12	2	3	35
Professional & Continuing Studies	2	1	3	3	2	1	12

Total Reports by College – Per Academic Year

Colleges	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
Academic Affairs	12	17	21	23	24
Integrative Studies	0	0	0	0	0
Ag. & Life Sciences	30	32	45	25	19
CAAD	6	9	12	6	8
Arts & Sciences	56	72	71	48	98
Business	42	86	80	49	56
CVM	1	3	0	6	0
Education	50	36	62	40	53
Bagley College of Engineering	68	106	41	109	54
Forest Resources	10	20	5	8	11
Professional & Continuing Studies	3	6	3	0	0

TOTAL REPORTS BY COLLEGE: Number of students found responsible and not responsible by college for 2025-2026 academic year.

Colleges	Report Withdrawn	Not Responsible	Responsible	Total
Academic Affairs	2	1	5	8
Integrative Studies	0	0	0	0
Ag. & Life Sciences	1	4	18	22
CAAD	1	0	3	4
Arts & Sciences	0	1	44	45
Business	0	3	32	35
CVM	0	0	1	1
Education	3	5	33	41
Bagley College of Engineering	1	3	43	47
Forest Resources	0	0	6	6
Professional & Continuing Studies	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	8	17	186	210

IV. VIOLATIONS OF THE STUDENT HONOR CODE

Multiple alleged violations of the Student Honor Code may be applied to a case, this data reports primary charges. The first number in the charts below reflects the number of students charged with academic misconduct, while the second reflects the number of violations students either accepted responsibility for the charge or were found responsible for the charge(s) through a Student Honor Code Council hearing during the **2025-2026 Academic Year**.

Types of Academic Misconduct as Defined in the Student Honor Code Operational Procedures Manual Given Authority Through AOP 12.07

(Note: Both resolved and pending cases are reflected here.)

Type of Academic Misconduct	Charged	Responsible
Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices or materials in any academic exercise.	177	116
Fabrication: Making up data or results and recording or reporting them.	14	8
Falsification: Manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research or academic work is not accurately represented in the research or work record.	8	4
Multiple Submission: The submission of substantial portions of the same work (including oral reports) for credit more than once without authorization from the instructor of the class for which the student submits the work.	1	1
Plagiarism: The appropriation of another person's ideas, words, processes, results, or images without giving appropriate credit.	61	44
Complicity: Intentionally or knowingly helping, or attempting to help, another to commit an act of academic misconduct.	26	21
Academic Fraud: The deliberate effort to deceive and is distinguished from an honest mistake and honest differences in judgment or interpretation.	66	40
Violation of Rules: The violation of any announced course, departmental, college, or university rule relating to academic matters.	52	38

VI. OUTCOMES

Students found in violation of the Student Honor Code are assigned **one or more** sanctions based on type of violation, circumstances of the case, and a student's prior record with the Student Honor Code Office, resulting in a difference between the number of cases resolved and the number of sanctions assigned during the same time period.

Outcomes Assigned to Students in the Past Three Years

Type of Outcome	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024
Academic Integrity Intervention Program	79	128	137
Charges Dropped	17	40	47
Not Responsible	20	15	8
Grade Reduced	22	21	12
Zero on the Assignment	148	257	187
XF	14	20	26
Suspension/Expulsion	0	1	5
Probation	1	1	5
Other	10	46	69

DEMOGRAPHICS OF EXPULSION RENDERED

Separation of the student from the university for a defined period of time.

Gender

Male	0
Female	0

Race

African American	0
Caucasian	0
Asian	0
Hispanic	0
Other	0

Classification

Freshman	0
Sophomore	0
Junior	0
Senior	0
Graduate	0

Type of Academic Misconduct

Cheating	0
Fabrication	0
Falsification	0
Plagiarism	0
Complicity	0
Academic Fraud	0
Violation of Rules	0

DEMOGRAPHICS OF SUSPENSION RENDERED

Separation of the student from the university for a defined period of time.

Gender

Male	0
Female	0

Race

African American	0
Caucasian	0
Asian	0
Hispanic	0
Other	0

Classification

Freshman	0
Sophomore	0
Junior	0
Senior	0
Graduate	0

Type of Academic Misconduct

Cheating	0
Fabrication	0
Falsification	0
Plagiarism	0
Complicity	0
Academic Fraud	0
Violation of Rules	0

VII. BREAKDOWN OF STUDENTS CHARGED/FOUND RESPONSIBLE

Each violation of the Student Honor Code has been broken down to show numerous demographics. Each table has each responsible student's specific information race, gender, classification, and sanction. ****Some students were assigned numerous outcomes resulting in more outcomes than number of students responsible for Honor Code Violations.**

(Note: Students charged are listed first followed by found responsible, this reflects both closed and pending cases)

Cheating

Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices or materials in any academic exercise.	177/116
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Gender

Male	119/78
Female	58/38

Race

African American	57/32
Caucasian	91/64
Asian	5/5
Hispanic	7/6
Other	17/9

Classification

Freshman	32/20
Sophomore	29/20
Junior	34/23
Senior	63/39
Graduate	19/14

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	7/3
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	25/15
Architecture, Art & Design	2/1
Arts & Sciences	35/27
Business	27/19
College of Veterinary Medicine	1/1
Education	25/16
Bagley College of Engineering	44/28
Forest Resources	9/6
Professional and Continuing Studies	2/0

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	50
Charges Dropped	10
Grade Reduced	17
Not Responsible	14
Other	8
Suspension/Expulsion	0
XF	11
Zero on the Assignment	92

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Fabrication

Making up data or results and recording or reporting them.
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Gender

Male	6/4
Female	8/4

Race

African American	8/4
Caucasian	5/4
Asian	0/0
Hispanic	0/0
Other	1/0

Classification

Freshman	2/0
Sophomore	2/2
Junior	2/1
Senior	4/2
Graduate	4/3

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	1/0
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	5/3
Architecture, Art & Design	0/0
Arts & Sciences	4/3
Business	0/0
College of Veterinary Medicine	0/0
Education	3/2
Bagley College of Engineering	1/0
Forest Resources	0/0
Professional and Continuing Studies	0/0

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	2
Charges Dropped	0
Grade Reduced	0
Not Responsible	0
Other	0
Suspension	0
XF	1
Zero on the Assignment	6

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Falsification

The appropriation of another person's ideas, words, processes, results, or images without giving appropriate credit.
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8/4

Gender

Male	3/1
Female	5/3

Race

African American	5/3
Caucasian	3/1
Asian	0/0
Hispanic	0/0
Other	0/0

Classification

Freshman	2/0
Sophomore	3/1
Junior	1/1
Senior	1/1
Graduate	1/1

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	1/0
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	2/1
Architecture, Art & Design	1/0
Arts & Sciences	3/2
Business	0/0
College of Veterinary Medicine	0/0
Education	1/1
Bagley College of Engineering	0/0
Forest Resources	0/0
Undeclared Graduate	0/0

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	0
Charges Dropped	1
Grade Reduced	0
Not Responsible	0
Other	0
Suspension	0
XF	1
Zero on the Assignment	2

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Multiple Submission

The submission of substantial portions of the same work (including oral reports) for credit more than once without authorization from the instructor of the class for which the student submits the work.

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Gender

Male	1/1
Female	0/0

Race

African American	1/1
Caucasian	0/0
Asian	0/0
Hispanic	0/0
Other	0/0

Classification

Freshman	0/0
Sophomore	0/0
Junior	0/0
Senior	1/1
Graduate	0/0

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	0/0
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	0/0
Architecture, Art & Design	0/0
Arts & Sciences	1/1
Business	0/0
College of Veterinary Medicine	0/0
Education	0/0
Bagley College of Engineering	0/0
Forest Resources	0/0
Professional and Continuing Studies	0/0
Undeclared	0/0

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	0
Charges Dropped	0
Grade Reduced	0
Not Responsible	0
Other	0
XF	0
Zero on the Assignment	1

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Plagiarism

The appropriation of another person's ideas, words, processes, results, or images without giving appropriate credit.

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Gender

Male	40/25
Female	21/19

Race

African American	19/14
Caucasian	31/22
Asian	3/3
Hispanic	2/1
Other	6/4

Classification

Freshman	8/3
Sophomore	9/6
Junior	11/10
Senior	29/22
Graduate	4/3

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	1/0
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	3/0
Architecture, Art & Design	1/0
Arts & Sciences	13/12
Business	6/5
College of Veterinary Medicine	0/0
Education	19/11
Bagley College of Engineering	16/15
Forest Resources	1/0
Professional and Continuing Studies	1/1

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	18
Charges Dropped	2
Grade Reduced	4
Not Responsible	6
Other	1
Suspension	0
XF	2
Zero on the Assignment	37

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Complicity

Intentionally or knowingly helping, or attempting to help, another to commit an act of academic misconduct.

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Gender

Male	21/18
Female	5/3

Race

African American	2/0
Caucasian	15/14
Asian	2/1
Hispanic	3/3
Other	4/3

Classification

Freshman	2/2
Sophomore	5/3
Junior	6/6
Senior	13/10
Graduate	0/0

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	0/0
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	3/2
Architecture, Art & Design	1/1
Arts & Sciences	1/0
Business	4/4
College of Veterinary Medicine	0/0
Education	4/3
Bagley College of Engineering	12/11
Forest Resources	1/0
Professional and Continuing Studies	0/0
Undeclared	0/0

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	10
Charges Dropped	0
Grade Reduced	2
Not Responsible	1
Other	0
Suspension	0
XF	0
Zero on the Assignment	21

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Academic Fraud

The deliberate effort to deceive and is distinguished from an honest mistake and honest differences in judgment or interpretation.

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Gender

Male	29/17
Female	37/23

Race

African American	25/13
Caucasian	36/23
Asian	1/1
Hispanic	2/2
Other	2/1

Classification

Freshman	26/15
Sophomore	14/10
Junior	10/7
Senior	13/6
Graduate	3/2

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	2/1
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	5/2
Architecture, Art & Design	4/1
Arts & Sciences	18/10
Business	15/13
College of Veterinary Medicine	0/0
Education	9/6
Bagley College of Engineering	12/7
Forest Resources	1/0
Professional and Continuing Studies	0/0

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	18
Charges Dropped	2
Grade Reduced	0
Not Responsible	1
Other	1
Suspension	0
XF	4
Probation	1
Zero on the Assignment	26

****Some students were assigned numerous outcomes resulting in more outcomes than number of students responsible for Honor Code Violation**

Violation of Rules

The violation of any announced course, departmental, college, or university rule relating to academic matters.

52/37

Gender

Male	31/20
Female	21/17

Race

African American	16/14
Caucasian	27/18
Asian	0/0
Hispanic	5/5
Other	4/0

Classification

Freshman	15/11
Sophomore	7/5
Juniors	11/9
Seniors	16/10
Graduate	3/2

Student's Major College

Academic Affairs	3/1
Integrative Studies	0/0
Ag. & Life Science	2/1
Architecture, Art & Design	1/0
Arts & Sciences	7/5
Business	9/7
College of Veterinary Medicine	0/0
Education	7/6
Bagley College of Engineering	22/16
Forest Resources	1/1
Professional and Continuing Studies	0/0

Sanctions

Academic Integrity Intervention Program	20
Charges Dropped	0
Grade Reduced	4
Not Responsible	1
Other	0
Suspension	0
XF	5
Zero on the Assignment	28

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