



## Study of Marginalization Impact of Marginalization on Students

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**Abstract :** Marginalization is the process of pushing a particular group or groups of people to the edge of society by not allowing them an active voice, identity, or place in it. Through both direct and indirect processes, marginalized groups may be relegated to a secondary position or made to feel as if they are less important than those who hold more power or privilege in society. At Syracuse University, students from marginalized groups can be the target of negative beliefs, behaviors, or judgements from others. Individuals and groups can be marginalized on the basis of multiple aspects of their identity, including but not limited to: race, gender or gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, sexuality, age, and/or religion. Some individuals identify with multiple marginalized groups, and may experience further marginalization as a result of their intersecting identities.

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- Marginalization can manifest in subtle or overt actions including:
- Use of derogatory language
- Assuming someone's accomplishments are not based on merit
- Expecting individuals to act a certain way based on stereotypes held about another's identity
- Denying someone academic or professional opportunities because of their identity (i.e. racism, sexism, ableism)
- Not providing equal access to certain resources based on membership in a particular group
- Assuming preferred pronoun without asking
- Assuming sexual orientation without asking
- Overlooking, criticizing, or interfering with other's cultural or religious traditions and values