

# **2013/2014**

## **Student Discipline Summaries**

September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014

Under section 61 of the *University Act*, the President of the University has authority to impose discipline on students for academic and non-academic offences (see the 2013/2014 University Calendar). A summary of such disciplinary cases for UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan is posted, without disclosing the names of the students involved.

In the period September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014, 79 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline (Vancouver & Okanagan), and 12 students appeared before the President's UBC Vancouver and Okanagan Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, and 89 were subsequently disciplined. For each case, the events leading to the imposition of the discipline and the discipline imposed are summarized below. Discipline may vary depending upon the circumstances of a particular case.

### **UBC Vancouver – Academic Misconduct Cases**

1. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) plagiarizing an assignment from another student and submitting it as his/her own work; and (ii) forging an email to that student as though it originated from the course instructor regarding an appointment with that student to discuss the plagiarized assignment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing a course assignment from various sources and submitting it as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by having an unauthorized device (cellphone) in his/her possession during the midterm examination and that he/she used the cellphone to photograph the examination and sent it to a classmate who was scheduled to write the same examination few hours later.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing his/her lab reports with his/her lab partner which resulted in him/her submitting plagiarized reports.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by substantially plagiarizing his/her lab partner's written work for lab reports and submitting them as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero for each of the plagiarized lab reports that were submitted and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

6. A student committed academic misconduct by copying answers from those of another student during the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

7. A student committed academic misconduct by having unauthorized material in his/her possession during the final examination and that he/she used the material in writing the examination and then destroyed it after the examination invigilator confiscated it from him/her.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

8. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay assignment that was plagiarized using concocted false bibliographic references.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a letter of reprimand.

9. A student committed academic misconduct by having unauthorized material in his/her possession during the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by taking another student's homework assignment, erasing the student's name and student number, and writing his/her own name on the assignment and submitting it as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

11. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material into the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months\*.

12. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay assignment that contained material that was plagiarized from an online source.  
  
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.
13. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her final research essay in a course.  
  
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.
14. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper that contained material plagiarized from an online source.  
  
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.
15. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay assignment that was purchased online.  
  
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months\*.
16. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that was plagiarized from published sources.  
  
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.
17. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing a component of his/her assignment from that of another student and submitting it as his/her own work.  
  
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months\*.
18. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course that was plagiarized from online sources.  
  
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

19. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting material from online sources without attribution for several assignments.

Discipline: A mark of zero for each of the assignments and a letter of reprimand\*.

20. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting material from online sources without attribution for several assignments.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand\*.

21. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) bringing a friend, a non-UBC student, into a lecture without consulting the course instructor. The friend completed a quiz and submitted the answer sheet with the student name and student number on it for grading; and (ii) filling out a second answer sheet for another quiz in the same course with the name and student number of his/her classmate.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

22. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with a student sitting behind him/her during a quiz.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the quiz and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

23. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing essays and blogposts from published sources and submitting them as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand.

24. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting material in a course that was plagiarized from a research summary submitted earlier by another group in the course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

The same student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by sharing/copying answers during the final examination in another course.

Outcome: There was insufficient evidence to prove that he/she had committed academic misconduct.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting audition video files for a degree program that were fraudulently manipulated.
- Discipline: A permanent notation of academic misconduct on transcript\*. (Student has been required to withdraw from the program)
26. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by copying the answer from that of another student on a final examination.
- Outcome: Although the student's explanations were found to be implausible, there was insufficient evidence to prove that he/she had cheated.
27. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her assignment in a course.
- Discipline: A letter of reprimand\*.
28. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that contained plagiarized components from an assignment submitted by another student in the same course in the previous year.
- Discipline: A letter of reprimand\*.
29. A student committed academic misconduct by copying answers from those of another student during the midterm examination.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.
30. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her blog essay.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.
31. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting assignments that were plagiarized from published sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

32. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that contained material that was copied from a paper submitted by another student in the same course in the previous term.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

33. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two essays in two courses that were plagiarized from book reviews.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

34. A student committed academic misconduct by stealing another student's lab report, photocopying it and submitting the copy as his/her own work for re-grading.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

35. A student committed academic misconduct by cheating in quizzes in two courses by copying the answers from those of other students.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

36. A student committed academic misconduct by having another student write his/her midterm and final examinations in a course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months\*.

37. A student (unclassified) committed academic misconduct by impersonating another student and wrote both midterm and final examinations in a course for him/her.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 6 months\*.

38. A student committed academic misconduct by having another student pose as him/her to answer in-class questions using his/her i-clicker and filling in a survey using his/her name and student number, both for marks, in a course.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

39. A student committed academic misconduct by impersonating another student, and answered in-class questions using that student's i-clicker and filling in a survey using that student's name and student number, both for marks, in a course.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

40. A student committed academic misconduct by consulting notes and copying from another student on two separate occasions during quizzes.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

41. A student committed academic misconduct by logging into another student's course accounts in two courses, accessing and submitting poorly answered questions that might have negatively affected that student's grade.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand\*.

42. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting drafts of a term assignment in a course containing material that was plagiarized from that of another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months\*.

43. A student committed academic misconduct by copying and pasting in content on his/her final examination from an external source.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

44. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the assignments and final paper of those of another student and submitting as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

45. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay for a course that was plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

46. A student committed academic misconduct by writing words on his/her palm before the final examination and that he/she consulted those words on his/her palm during the examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

47. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing in a project assignment from two other students and submitting their work as his/her own.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

48. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing software code for a project assignment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

49. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting software code for a project assignment that was found on the web and sharing code with another student in violation of the course policy on collaboration.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

50. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting software code for a project assignment that was plagiarized from another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

51. A student committed academic misconduct by providing software code for a project assignment to another student who then plagiarized it under his/her own name.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

52. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting software code for a project assignment that was a copy of code another student had posted online.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.



53. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing software code with another student for a project assignment.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

54. A student committed academic misconduct by copying software code from another student for a project assignment and by sharing code with a third student in violation of the course policy on collaboration.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

55. A student committed academic misconduct by copying software code from another student for a project assignment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

56. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating in writing software code for a project assignment in violation of the course policy on collaboration.

Discipline: Notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript\*.

57. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating in writing software code for a project assignment in violation of the course policy on collaboration.

Discipline: Notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript\*.

58. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating in writing software code for a project assignment in violation of the course policy on collaboration.

Discipline: Notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript\*.

59. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating in writing software code for a project assignment in violation of the course policy on collaboration.

Discipline: Notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript\*.

60. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting software code for a project that he/she received from someone else who obtained the code online, in violation of the course policy on collaboration.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

61. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing software code for a project assignment from that of another student and submitting that work as his/her own.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand\*.

62. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an altered UBC Transcript as part of his/her application to a student-lead case competition.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

63. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material into the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

64. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of another student for an assignment in a course and for a final examination in another course.

Discipline: A mark of zero for both courses and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

65. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing answers and/or copying from another student during a final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

66. A student committed academic misconduct by having access to unauthorized material during his/her midterm examination. (The student subsequently withdrew from the course.)

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

67. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a PhD dissertation that contained numerous significant sections that were copied from either his/her own M.Sc. thesis or were plagiarized from other publications, after spending almost ten years working on that PhD dissertation.

Discipline: Barred from applying for readmission for two years\*. (Request for removal of notation -- expiration of ten years from the date of graduation from UBC)

68. A student committed academic misconduct by having another individual write the TOEFL test for him/her to gain admission to UBC.
- Discipline: Expelled from the University effective immediately; barred from reapplying for admission to UBC until January 2017\*.
69. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material into the final examination and made use of this material during the examination.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.
70. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final take-home examination that was plagiarized from that of another student.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the exam and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.
71. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final take-home examination that was plagiarized from that of another student.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the exam and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*.
72. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a midterm essay assignment that contained plagiarized content.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the assignment.

### **UBC Vancouver – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases**

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct by physically assaulting a fellow student.
- Discipline: A letter of reprimand. Required to meet with a University representative to help him/her gain an understanding of appropriate responses to conflict and cultural misunderstanding with colleagues and fellow students.
2. A student committed non-academic misconduct by physically assaulting a fellow student.
- Discipline: A letter of reprimand. Placed on probation for the remainder of his/her degree program; required to meet with a University representative to help him/her gain an understanding with colleagues and fellow students.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct by harassing a fellow student and failing to comply with a reasonable direction of University representative.

Discipline: Directed to stay away from, not talk to, contrive to run into, or contact the fellow student in any way while on or off UBC campus. Letter of reprimand. Required to meet with a University representative to help him/her gain an understanding of appropriate behavior to help ensure further harassment of other students does not occur.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct by failing to comply with terms of an agreement he/she made with a School/Faculty.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand. Required to undertake an educational initiative determined by the Student Conduct Manager to facilitate a deeper understanding of other students, cultures and issues.

### **UBC Okanagan – Academic Misconduct Cases**

1. A student committed academic misconduct by using a cellphone to download course materials during an examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by either buying services to answer problems in a course assignment, or by requesting support from his/her family member without acknowledgment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper for a course that had a large number of unacknowledged sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by falsifying material subject to academic evaluation and for submitting false information in writing in a course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by using unacknowledged, and improperly cited material in his/her paper for a course.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months\*.

6. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper with large sections of the paper taken from uncited sources in a course; and by using a cell phone to answer questions during a final examination in another course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*.

7. A student committed academic misconduct by twice submitting another student's course work as his/her own, and attempting to forge the grading of the teaching assistants on several assignments in the same course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course. Required to write a paper on the value of academic honesty that adhered to the criteria set out in the disciplinary letter.

### **UBC Okanagan – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases**

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct by manufacturing of fraudulent parking passes.

Discipline: Required to pay a fine. Lost on-campus parking privileges for the remainder of the academic career at the University.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct by attempting to join the graduation procession even though he/she had not attained graduation status.

Discipline: Denied the right to access or use any of the University's lands, equipment, facilities, services, activities, programs, meetings or events or those held by, on, or in association with the University until the end of the academic year.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Code of Conduct by consuming liquor in a public place on campus.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Code of Conduct by being physically aggressive with a fellow student.  
  
Discipline: A letter of reprimand. Required to attend to a minimum of three counselling sessions.
5. A student committed non-academic misconduct by disrupting the operations of Campus Security and posting a demeaning message on Twitter while representing himself/herself as a member of the UBC Board of Governors.  
  
Discipline: Required to provide written letters of apology to Campus Security and to the UBC Board of Governors.
6. A student committed non-academic misconduct by being involved in a conflict resulting in physical assault.  
  
Discipline: Restricted from any UBC campus until April 2015; permanently restricted from living on either campus residences; and restricted from visiting any campus residences until September 2017.
7. A student committed non-academic misconduct by engaging in a course of vexatious conduct.  
  
Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*. Required to provide satisfactory evidence that he/she has obtained professional counselling and assistance with respect to behavioural issues and his/her capacity to return to UBC without further incidents of this nature.
8. A student was alleged to have committed non-academic misconduct by physically assaulting a fellow student.  
  
Outcome: There was insufficient evidence to prove the allegation against him/her on a balance of probabilities. The allegation is dismissed.

\* In all cases indicated by an asterisk, a notation of disciplinary action is entered on the student's transcript. At any time after two years have elapsed from the date of his or her graduation the student may apply to the President to exercise his discretion to remove the notation.

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Students under disciplinary suspension from UBC may not take courses at other institutions for transfer of credit back to UBC.