

2014/2015 Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

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 2014/2015 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, 2014 to August 31, 2015, 68 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline, and 12 students appeared before the President's UBC Vancouver and Okanagan Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, and 75 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 omitting key information (failed to disclose previous attendance at another institution) from his/her application for admission to UBC.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand; received no UBC transfer credit for courses taken at the other institution.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by hiring another person to take the TOEFL test for him/her and submitting the test results to UBC as his/her own in order to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2016*.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by another individual write the TOEFL test for him/her to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University effective immediately; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2017*.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by having another individual write the TOEFL test for him/her and submitting the test results to UBC as his/her own in order to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2017*.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by having another individual write the TOEFL test for him/her to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University effective immediately; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2017*.
6. A student committed academic misconduct by hiring another person to take the TOEFL test for him/her and submitting the test results to UBC as his/her own in order to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2016*.
7. A student committed academic misconduct by having another individual write the TOEFL test for him/her and submitting the test results to UBC as his/her own in order to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2017*.
8. A student committed academic misconduct by having another individual write the TOEFL test for him/her to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2017*.
9. A student committed academic misconduct by having another individual write the TOEFL test for him/her to gain admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from University; barred from re-applying for admission to UBC until Jan 1, 2017*.
10. A student committed academic misconduct by cheating in a quiz by copying the solution from that of another student.

Discipline: A notation on transcript*.
11. A student committed academic misconduct by forging a signature of an absent student on a class participation signature sheet for attendance marks in a course.

Discipline: Received a deduction of 5% in the course mark*.

12. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a project that was plagiarized from various websites.

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

13. A student committed academic misconduct by altering his/her original answers on his/her midterm examination that he/she subsequently submitted for re-marking in effort to receive a higher grade.

Discipline: A mark of zero on the midterm examination.

14. A student committed academic misconduct by forging a signature on the class attendance sheet on behalf of another student who was not in attendance. (A mandatory in-person session worth 10% of the course mark)

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

15. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) asking a friend to sign the class attendance sheet on his/her behalf; and (ii) forging a signature on the attendance sheet on behalf of another student who was not in attendance. (Both of them were mandatory in-person sessions worth 10% each of the course mark)

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

16. A student committed academic misconduct by asking separate friends to sign the class attendance sheet on his/her behalf while he/she was absent from class. (Both of them were mandatory in-person sessions worth 10% each of the course mark)

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

17. A student committed academic misconduct by forging a signature on the class attendance sheet on behalf of another student who was not in attendance. (A mandatory in-person session worth 10% of the course mark)

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

18. A student committed academic misconduct by asking a friend to sign the attendance sheet on his/her behalf in a course (a mandatory in-person session worth 10% of the course grade) while he/she was absent from class.

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

19. A student committed academic misconduct by asking a friend to sign an attendance sheet on his/her behalf in a course (a mandatory in-person session worth 10% of the course grade) while he/she was absent from class.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

20. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two assignments in a course and an assignment in another course that contained plagiarized material.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course. (Given that most of the work in the other course was carried out before he/she received an official warning, the mark will not change.)

21. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting three separate written assignments in the form of blog posts for a course that contained plagiarized text.

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

22. A student committed academic misconduct by acting with premeditation to help a fellow student cheat on a midterm examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the midterm examination.

23. A student committed academic misconduct by cheating on the midterm examination and that he/she coerced another student into helping him/her do so.

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

24. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by repeatedly looking at the computer and/or examination paper of the student sitting next to him/her during the online examination.

Outcome: The student's denial was, in large part, credible. The allegation is dismissed.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting clicker responses for another student knowing that such an action would affect the other student's course mark.

Discipline: Removed 5% clicker grade from course mark.

26. A student committed academic misconduct by asking another student to submit clicker responses for him/her knowing that such an action would affect his/her course mark.

Discipline: Removed 5% clicker grade from course mark.

27. A student committed academic misconduct by making arrangements to cheat with another student via cellphone communication on a midterm examination.

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

28. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by making arrangements to cheat with another student via cellphone communication on a midterm examination, and attempted to make arrangements involving his/her family to influence the outcome of the allegation.

Outcome: The student is currently absent from Canada for an indefinite period, a note has been placed on his/her file preventing him/her from registering for any classes in future until a hearing is scheduled.

29. A student committed academic misconduct by committing plagiarism in eight courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero in eight courses and a suspension from the University for 24 months*.

30. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a written assignment that contained material that was plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A notation of academic misconduct on transcript*.

31. A student committed academic misconduct by taking screenshots of the exam questions and answers during the final exam which he/she then emailed to another student who was taking the same exam later that day.

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

32. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) asking another student to take screenshots of his/her final examination and send them to him/her so that he/she could use them during the same examination later that day; and (ii) forwarding the screenshots to third student who also wrote the same examination at the same time as himself/herself.

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

33. A student committed academic misconduct by pre-arranging to receive screenshots from another student of the questions and answers from a final examination and then utilized in an unauthorized manner during his/her seating of the examination.

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

The student committed a second act of academic misconduct by altering a midterm examination for re-grading after the examination was returned to him/her.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and the period of suspension extended by 4 months*.

34. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that was in part identical to an assignment submitted by another student in the same course the previous year.

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 on the online midterm exam by copying and pasting unauthorized content and submitting it as his/her own answers.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

36. A student committed academic misconduct by purchasing a paper from his/her private tutor and submitting that paper which turned out to be plagiarized from another student.

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

37. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final examination that contained plagiarized content.

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

38. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final examination that contained plagiarized content.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

39. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting another student's source code as his/her own in an assignment.

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

40. A student committed academic misconduct by asking a classmate to sign the course attendance sheet for him/her, a mandatory class that he/she did not attend.

Discipline: A mark of zero for participation marks in the course for that class; a letter of reprimand.

41. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting another student's source code as his/her own in an assignment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

42. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting another student's source code as his/her own in an assignment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

43. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing a lab assignment from a file that was previously submitted by another student the previous year.

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

44. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a lab assignment that contained material that was plagiarized from another student.

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

45. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a laboratory assignment in a course that contained software code that was plagiarized from another student, and that the student submitted a second laboratory assignment that contained another student's data set in the same course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

46. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a laboratory assignment in a course that contained software code that was plagiarized from another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

47. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two lab assignments that were plagiarized from other students.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the two lab assignments and a letter of reprimand.

48. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting lab assignments that were plagiarized from code submitted by other students.

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

49. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a lab assignment that was similar to the code submitted by other students.

Outcome: The student was found that he/she did not commit the act of misconduct.

50. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting laboratory assignments that contained software code that was plagiarized from other students.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

51. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a lab assignment that was copied from code submitted by other students.

Discipline: A mark of zero on lab assignment and a letter of reprimand.

52. A student committed academic misconduct by cheating on an online midterm examination by accessing unauthorized content.

Discipline: A mark of zero on the midterm examination and a letter of reprimand.

53. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two lab assignments that contained materials that were plagiarized from a report submitted by another student the previous year.

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

54. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a midterm essay that contained plagiarized material.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

55. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting four weekly assignments that were plagiarized from online sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand.
56. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to disclose on his/her application to UBC for admission his/her previous attendance at a university.
- Discipline: A letter of reprimand.
57. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay that contained passages plagiarized from a classmate's essay.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.
58. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing two different cellphones during a final examination, one of which was observed to have exam-associated material on the screen.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.
59. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting lab assignments in a course that contained software code that was similar to that submitted by other students in the class. Furthermore, he/she was observed to have unauthorized materials during the final examination for that same course.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.
60. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by claiming to hand in a final examination but was observed leaving the room while the examination papers were being collected without handing his/hers in.
- Outcome: There was a lack of compelling evidence to prove the allegation against him/her. The allegation was dismissed. (Given previous failure in the course, he/she was required to write another final exam)
61. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two assignments that were plagiarized from an online source.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

62. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing assignments in five courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero in three courses; a mark of zero for the plagiarized assignments in two courses; and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

UBC Vancouver – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct under section 4.2.1 of the Student Code of Conduct.

Discipline: Expelled from the University; may not reapply to the University for admission; permanent (non-removable) record of disciplinary action entered on transcript*.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct by committing (three) incidents of sexual assault; multiple incidents of harassment and intimidation; engaging in unwelcome or persistent conduct.

Discipline: Expelled from the University; may not reapply to the University for admission; permanent (non-removable) record of disciplinary action entered on transcript*.

UBC Okanagan – Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting a paper for a course in which he/she used unauthorized sources and submitting a paper for the same course where the citations appeared to have been falsified; and (ii) submitting two papers in another course that contained plagiarized sources.

Discipline: A grade deduction for both courses and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two papers in two different courses that was self-plagiarized and as well, plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero on both papers; letter of reprimand*.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting answers for an online quiz where answers to several questions were copied from a website.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course; letter of reprimand*.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by copying someone else's work as his/her own without proper citation.

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

5. A student committed academic misconduct by copying material for his/her report assignment without acknowledgment.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper where substantial content was inserted without acknowledgement or citation.

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

UBC Okanagan – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct by involving in an altercation with a fellow student which created a hostile atmosphere.

Discipline: Disciplinary probation until Dec 2015; no access/visitation to student residences until May 1, 2015; and continue no contact with the fellow student until Sep 2015.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct by involving in altercation with a fellow student.

Discipline: Disciplinary probation until Dec 2015; loss of privileges on campus beyond academic classes and study purposes until Apr 30, 2015; no access/visitation to student residences until May 1, 2015; and continue no contact with fellow student until Sep 2015.

3. A student was alleged to have committed non-academic misconduct by being involved in a physical altercation with other students and non-students on University property whereby one of those involved had sustained injuries.

Outcome: There was not enough evidence to prove the allegation against him/her. The allegation was dismissed.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct by posting a message from a fellow student which contained threats against the University on the UBCO Confessions website.

Discipline: A letter of warning.

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct by sending threatening messages aimed at the University to be posted on the UBCO Confessions website.

Discipline: Make financial restitution to cover the costs of additional security and staffing coverage; a suspension from the University for 4 months**.

6. A student committed non-academic misconduct by taking a fellow student's cell phone and subsequently harassing that student.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months**.

7. A student committed non-academic misconduct by removing a restricted substance from the University lab.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months, followed by a restriction from University lab for 4 months**.

8. A student committed non-academic misconduct by causing a disturbance, assaulting a campus pub manager and refusing to comply with direction from University staff.

Discipline: Required to seek counselling and provide confirmation letter from counsellor upon completion. Restricted from campus pub until a designated date. Required to make financial restitution for damages.

9. A student committed non-academic misconduct by damaging and removing University property, refusing to comply with the direction from a campus employee and for providing false information.

Discipline: Required to make financial restitution for the replacement value of the property.

10. A student committed non-academic misconduct by damaging and removing University property, refusing to comply with the direction from a campus employee.

Discipline: Letter of reprimand.

* 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.

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

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