

# **2018/2019**

## **Student Discipline Summaries**

September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019

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 2018/2019 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, 2018 to August 31, 2019, 37 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline, 3 students appeared before the President's UBC Vancouver and Okanagan Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, and 4 students were investigated under UBC Policy #131, Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct. Of these students, 44 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 submitting a fraudulent transcript from another institution as part of his/her re-application to a degree program at UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of disciplinary action on transcript. Not allowed to reapply for admittance to University for two years.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a fraudulent transcript from an academic institution in support of his/her application for readmission to the University for a degree program.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months\*. Removed from the course specialization he/she enrolled in. Subject to follow conditions of reinstatement to the University. [Provide letter to the Chair of the Committee that he/she takes responsibility for his/her actions]

3. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting a fraudulent transcript from another institution as part of his/her application to a degree program at UBC; and (ii) failing to disclose previous enrolment at another institution on his/her application.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of disciplinary action on transcript. Not allowed to reapply for admittance to University for two years.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a fraudulent transcript from a post-secondary institution that he/she had attended and failing to disclose his/her previous enrolment at another post-secondary institution when he/she applied to a degree program at UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation on transcript. Not allowed to reapply for admittance to UBC for two years.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by paying someone to take the TOEFL examination for him/her and then using the results of the examination as part of his/her application for admission to UBC.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation on transcript. Not allowed to reapply for admission to UBC.

6. A student committed academic misconduct by wilfully submitting plagiarized papers in one course and subsequently in another course, the latter occurring after the former was discussed with him/her by the course instructor.

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

7. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper that he/she plagiarized from an online source.

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

8. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting answers that were not his/her own in response to questions found in two closed book quizzes. [This is a repeated offense; President granted leniency]

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

9. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course that he/she plagiarized from a student who had taken the course in a previous term.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the assignment.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final research proposal that was in large part plagiarized from the work of another person.

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

11. A student committed academic misconduct by modifying his/her answers on a midterm examination and submitting them for remarking.

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

12. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing and submitting code for a project that had been previously written and submitted by another team of students who took the course in a previous year.

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

13. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material into a closed book examination and subsequently chose to utilize that material to answer a question during the examination.

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

14. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized materials to the final examinations in two courses, and made use of those materials during both examinations.

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

15. A student committed academic misconduct by inappropriately manipulating three images in his/her doctoral dissertation.

Discipline: Required to submit a revised version of his/her dissertation to correct the images (and all other errors discovered during the course of the investigation of the dissertation), and that the Faculty and a subset of his/her PhD examining committee to be selected by the Faculty must be satisfied with the corrections.

16. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) asking another student for help with a quiz that the student had already completed in violation of the course rules; and (ii) repeatedly making false statements, retroactively, to the Associate Dean that this collaboration did not occur.

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

17. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) giving another student help with a quiz in violation of the course rules; and (ii) repeatedly making false statements, retroactively, to the Associate Dean that this collaboration did not occur.

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

18. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing a final paper proposal and a movie assignment from an online source.

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

19. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her own work from a previous assignment in another course.

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

20. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a language challenge examination translation that contained a significant amount of material that was generated using a translation software.

Discipline: A mark of zero on the language challenge examination and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*.

21. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a laboratory assignment that contained material plagiarized from another author's previously published work. [This is a second offense given the previous finding of academic misconduct]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 2 years\*.

22. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper that contained material that was substantially the same as material he/she had previously composed and submitted for course credit in another course.

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

23. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that contained extensive plagiarism from a single source.

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

24. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final project report that was substantially plagiarized from a published source.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course. Required to write a letter of apology to the course instructor with regard to academic integrity.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a lab report that was largely plagiarized from the work of a classmate.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course. Required to write a letter of apology to the Associate Dean with regard to academic integrity.

26. A student committed academic misconduct by altering his/her midterm examination after it was returned to him/her and then re-submitting this altered examination for re-grading

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

27. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a grant proposal assignment that was largely plagiarized from a funded grant proposal previously submitted by a professor.

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

28. A student committed sequential acts of academic misconduct by submitting assignments in two courses that were plagiarized from the work of other students. These were repeated multiple offenses given a prior finding of academic misconduct in another course.

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

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

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*; not permitted to graduate until after the conclusion of the suspension. Prohibited from access to the University campus for the duration of the suspension. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant. Prohibited from staying on UBC campus residence duration of suspension.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Probation for a period of one year. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant. Not permitted to be present on the same floor in UBC residence that the complainant resides on.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct, sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.8.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the course instructor and teaching assistant. Prohibited from access to the UBC Point Grey campus for the duration of suspension. Subject to probation for the duration of his/her undergraduate degree upon return from suspension. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the course instructor and teaching assistant during probation period, except as may be required in relation to any legal proceedings.

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

1. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting several pieces of artwork in three courses as his/her own original work that were copies of published works by others or a previously created work by himself/herself.

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a plagiarized final paper in a course.

Discipline: Remained on probation for a period of one year, and any further violation of the Student Code of Conduct may result in the imposition of further or more severe discipline\*.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by removing a copy of the final exam from the exam hall, completed it elsewhere with the aid of course notes, and later deposited it in the course instructor's office.

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a plagiarized written assignment.

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

5. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two midterm examinations for re-grading that were not his/her own to obtain a passing grade in the course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 7 months\*.

6. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a self-plagiarized written assignment.

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

7. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a plagiarized final essay.

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

8. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a plagiarized final assignment.

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

9. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a plagiarized final essay.

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

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

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct, in particular, sections 4.1 and 4.2.1 with regard to making threats.

Discipline: Required to have a behavioural plan developed by a behavioural consultant appointed by the Disability Resource Centre and complied with the established plan. On probation for a period of one year. Prohibited from accessing UBC campus for a period of one year. As a condition of reinstatement to the University, he/she is required to provide to DRC a clear, current, and credible medical assessment demonstrating to its satisfaction that he/she is able to safely and productively return to the University and continue studies, and comply with its policies with, or without, an accommodation.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Required to meet with Vice-President, Students to discuss the matter.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct section 4.2.1 with regard to misconduct against persons.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 4 month\*\*. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant.

\* 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.

\*\* In all cases indicated by two asterisks, a notation of disciplinary action is entered on the student's transcript. The notation will be removed upon lapsing of the suspension.