2019/2020
Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020

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 2019/2020 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, 2019 to August 31, 2020, 46 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 3 students were investigated under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct. Of these students, 52 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 failing to disclose previous attendance at another post-secondary institution when he/she applied for admission to a program at UBC.

   Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months*. Received no UBC credit for courses taken at that post-secondary institution between September 2018 and June 2019.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that contained a considerable amount of plagiarized material. [This is a second offense]

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a take-home examination that contained a significant amount of material that had been plagiarized from multiple 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 submitting a written case report that contained plagiarized material.

   Discipline: A mark of zero on case report assignment and a suspension from the University for 4 months*. Required to write a letter of apology to the course instructor and officials of the Faculty.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by looking at the examination papers of other students, having a cell phone in his/her possession and course notes on his/her hand and forearm after returning from the washroom, and having several pages of unauthorized course notes in his/her possession during the final examination.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by requesting a solution from another student and sharing the code with his/her lab partner in violation of the course rules.

   Discipline: A letter of reprimand*.

7. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a plagiarized assignment in violation of the laboratory integrity policy in the course. [This is a second offense]

   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 for final oral examination a Ph.D. dissertation that contained plagiarized material.

   Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

9. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting plagiarized work in two courses.

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

10. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two papers as part of a minor area comprehensive examination that contained substantial amount of material that was plagiarized from published sources.

    Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.
11. A student committed academic misconduct by using a cheat sheet to complete his/her examination.

   Discipline: A mark of zero on the examination.

12. A student committed academic misconduct by knowingly submitting a fraudulent transcript from another institution in support of his/her application for admission to the University.

   Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript. Permanently barred from admission to the University.

13. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting multiple assignments in two courses that contained material plagiarized from other sources.

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

14. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final written assignment that contained significant portions that had been plagiarized from published sources.

   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 assignment that he/she plagiarized from another student in the course.

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

16. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final written assignment that contained a significant amount of material that was plagiarized, verbatim, from multiple different sources.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

17. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final written assignment that contained a significant amount of material that was plagiarized, verbatim, from multiple different sources.

   Discipline: A mark of zero for the final written assignment.
18. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing portions of his/her final report.

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

19. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final written paper that contained a significant amount of material that was plagiarized, verbatim, from previously published sources.

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

20. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

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

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

22. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

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

23. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

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

24. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

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

25. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand.
26. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

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

27. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

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

28. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with other students using a group chat application during the final examination.

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

29. A student committed academic misconduct by attempting to pay others to complete the final examination for him/her.

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

30. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment in a course, and subsequently in another course, that contained material that was plagiarized from the work of other students.

   Discipline: A mark of zero for the assignment for the first course, and a mark of zero in the second course*.

31. A student committed academic misconduct by copying answers from another student during two midterm examinations in a course.

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

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   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
33. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaboration with another student during the online final examinations in two courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses*.

34. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaboration with another student during the online final examinations in two courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses*.

35. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of two other students and submitting it as part of two assignments in the course. [This is a second offense]

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

36. A student committed academic misconduct by asking for and then plagiarizing the work of another student and submitted it as part of an assignment in the course. [This is a second offense]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

37. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of another student and submitting it as part of an assignment in the course. [This is a second offense]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

38. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of another student and submitting it as his/her own for two assignments in the course. [This is a second offense]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

39. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of another student and submitting it as his/her own for two assignments in the course. [This is a second offense]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*. 
40. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with and receiving answers from other parties that he/she then submitted as his/her own during the final examination in a course.

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

41. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing a portion of his/her final examination answers from an online source. [This is a second offense]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

42. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final examination in a course that contained material plagiarized from other sources. [This is a third offense]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course 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 SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

   Discipline: Subjected to 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, during period of probation.

2. A student committed two acts of non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

   Discipline: Subjected to probation until graduation from the University. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainants, during period of probation.

3. A student committed two acts of non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

   Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months. Subjected to probation for the duration of his/her studies, upon any return to the University from suspension, until he/she graduates from the University.
4. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct, specifically, section 4.2.6 with regard to knowingly furnish false information to any person or office acting on behalf of the University.

   Discipline: A letter of formal reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of studies until graduation from the University. Notation of non-academic misconduct which will be removed one year after graduation from the University.

**UBC Okanagan – Academic Misconduct Cases**

1. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting false documents to the University; forging the electronic signature of the instructor on a course prerequisite/co-requisite waiver form and thereby implying that he/she had approval to register in the course.

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by cheating on the midterm examination by using an unauthorized electronic device, a cell phone, during the examination.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting plagiarized passages as his/her own in the final examination. [Student withdrew from the course]

   Discipline: Suspension from the University for 4 months*.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting another student’s essay as his/her own in the course.

   Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

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

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

   Discipline: Letter of reprimand.
2. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct, in particular, section 4.2.1 with regard to misconduct against persons and section 4.2.5 with regard to false charges.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 24 months**. Prohibited from accessing the UBC Okanagan campus during period of suspension. Remain on probation for a period of one year upon return to the University. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the other student.

* 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.