

# **2021/2022**

## **Student Discipline Summaries**

September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022

Under section 61 of the *University Act*, the President of the University has authority to impose discipline on students for academic and non-academic offenses (see the 2021/2022 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, 2021 to August 31, 2022, 79 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline, 4 students appeared before the President's UBC Vancouver and Okanagan Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, and 15 students were investigated under UBC Policy SC17, Sexual Misconduct. Of these students, 95 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 two different versions of a lab report that he/she copied from other students in the same course. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining a solution set to the midterm examination from an online source and copying them into his/her answers, which he/she then submitted as his/her own work.

Discipline: Withdrawal from the course rescinded and replaced with a mark of zero\*.

3. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by using previous examination questions (and solutions) purchased from a tutor service to answer questions during a closed-book midterm examination.

Outcome: The evidence did not support the allegation of academic misconduct.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by using unauthorized material and collaborating with another student during the final examination.

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

5. A student committed academic misconduct by using unauthorized material and collaborating with another student 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 not providing a full and complete accounting of his/her academic history when he/she first applied for admission to doctoral studies at the University and subsequently applied for numerous scholarships while he/she was a doctoral student at the University.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript and not allowed to reapply to the University.

7. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by using the solutions and answers to a previous version of the midterm examination inappropriately to complete the version of the midterm examination that he/she took online.

Outcome: The evidence did not support the allegation of academic misconduct.

8. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by acquiring answers to questions for the midterm examination, from a student (or students) who had taken the course previously.

Outcome: The evidence did not support the allegation of academic misconduct.

9. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing answers with other students during the final examination in one course, and during the midterm examination in another course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

10. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing answers with other students during the final examination in one course, and during the midterm examination in another course.

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

11. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) sharing answers with other students during the final examination in one course, and by dishonestly denying misconduct when interviewed by the course instructor and by the Associate Dean; and (ii) by improperly consulting his/her notes during the final examination of another course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

12. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing answers with another student during a test.

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

13. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing answers with another student during a test.

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

14. A student committed academic misconduct by acting with another student to coerce a third student into providing them with answers to the final examination.

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

15. A student committed academic misconduct by acting with another student to coerce a third student into providing them with answers to the final examination.

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

16. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with two other students, and providing them with a number of his/her answers on the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero on the final examination.

17. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating, against explicit course rules, with another student while completing his/her second midterm and final examinations.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

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Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

19. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting fraudulent application materials, which included a completely fraudulent undergraduate transcript and letters of reference in support of his/her application for admission to a graduate program at the University.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript. Permanently barred from admission to the University, and not allowed to reapply to the graduate program at the University.

20. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing substantial portions of a paper he/she submitted in a course.

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

21. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting tutorials that contained inappropriate material without attribution.

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

22. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting tutorials that contained inappropriate material without attribution.

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 final paper that contained a substantial amount of material that was plagiarized from a variety of sources.

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

24. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting fraudulent application materials, which included a completely fraudulent undergraduate transcript and letters of reference in support of his/her application for admission to a graduate program at the University; and (ii) accessing the course Canvas website during the closed-book portion of the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course. Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript. Permanently barred from admission to the University, and not allowed to reapply to the graduate program at the University.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting fraudulent application materials, which included a completely fraudulent undergraduate transcript and letters of reference in support of his/her application for admission to a graduate program at the University.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript. Permanently barred from admission to the University, and not allowed to reapply to the graduate program at the University.

26. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting fraudulent application materials, which included a completely fraudulent undergraduate transcript and letters of reference in support of his/her application for admission to a graduate program at the University; and (ii) accessing his/her cellphone during the closed-book final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course. Expelled from the University. Permanent notation of academic misconduct entered on transcript. Permanently barred from admission to the University, and not allowed to reapply to the graduate program at the University.

27. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final major paper that was substantially plagiarized, often verbatim, from numerous sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

28. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with and collaborating with another student during the final examination.

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

29. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with and collaborating with another student during the final examination.

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

30. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with and collaborating with another student during the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

31. A student committed academic misconduct by hiring a third-party company to provide fraudulent undergraduate transcript and fraudulent letters of reference in support of his/her application for admission to the Master's graduate program, upon which he/she were granted admission.

Discipline: Rescission of the Master degree. Permanent notation of academic misconduct on transcript. Permanently barred from admission to the University and not allowed to re-apply to any program at the University.

32. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of another student in his/her assignment.

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

33. A student committed academic misconduct by acting deliberately and purposefully to access software code from an online repository, which he/she then altered slightly in an effort to avoid detection upon submission, during the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. Required to complete the academic integrity module. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

34. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating inappropriately with, and providing answers to, another student while that student was writing the final examination.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

35. A student committed academic misconduct by inappropriately collaborating with a classmate during the final examination.

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

36. A student committed academic misconduct by inappropriately collaborating with a classmate during the final examination.

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 revised literature review paper for second comprehensive examination in a PhD program that contained a substantial amount of material that was plagiarized from other sources.

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

38. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) repeatedly accessing his/her cellphone during the final examination in a course held in person; and (ii) inappropriately accessing material from an outside source during the final examination in another course held online.

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

39. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in inappropriate communication and active collaboration with another student during the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

40. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in inappropriate communication and active collaboration with another student during the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course \*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

41. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with two other students during the final examination and by subsequently being untruthful when questioned about the incident.

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

42. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with two other students during the final examination and by subsequently being untruthful when questioned about the incident.

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

43. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with two other students during the final examination and by subsequently being untruthful when questioned about the incident.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final examination.

44. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) inappropriately collaborating with other students and/or inappropriately accessed outside material during the closed book midterm examination in a course; and (ii) inappropriately collaborating with a classmate to obtain material from them during the closed book examination in another course.

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

45. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with other students on the midterm examinations in two courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

46. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting three essays that contained material plagiarized from other sources without proper attribution. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation one year from the date of graduation]

47. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) posting exam questions on Chegg.com, and inserting plagiarized material into his/her submission for midterm examination; (ii) posting questions on Chegg.com, and inserting plagiarized material into his/her submission for an assignment in the same course; and (iii) inserting plagiarized materials into his/her submission for a problem set in another course. [These are second, third and fourth offenses given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

48. A student committed academic misconduct by improperly communicating with a fellow student and copying their answers during the final examination, upon reports from some other students that the online examination shut down unexpectedly.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

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Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

50. A student committed academic misconduct by inappropriately collaborating with another student during the final examination. The Committee also found that he/she had inappropriately collaborated with the same student on the midterm examination in the same course.



Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

51. A student committed academic misconduct by inappropriate collaborating with another student during the final examination. The Committee also found that he/she had inappropriately collaborated with the same student on the midterm examination in the same course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

52. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with another student during the two midterm and final examinations.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

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Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

54. A student committed academic misconduct by using material from a WeChat group to supplement his/her midterm examination submission in one course, and subsequently using his/her phone to search through course material to supplement his/her midterm examination submission in another course.

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

55. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) logging in to write the closed book online final examination surreptitiously in a venue that he/she was not assigned in an effort to avoid in-person invigilation; (ii) communicating electronically with another student to receive examination log-in password; and (iii) accessing outside materials during the examination.

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

56. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting several assignments that contained plagiarized material.

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

57. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating inappropriately with another student in a course.

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

58. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) collaborating inappropriately with another student in a course; and (ii) submitting two assignments in another course that he/she copied from sources without proper attribution or citation.

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

59. A student committed academic misconduct by contacting another student during the closed book final examination and asking that student to provide him/her with answers, which he/she then copied and inserted into his/her exam submission.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

60. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with another student and providing that student with a number of answers during the closed book final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero on the final examination.

61. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating inappropriately with another student during a closed book online final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

62. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating inappropriately with another student during a closed book online final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

63. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with another student during the final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

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Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

65. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with another student during the final examination.

Discipline: Continued to receive a mark of zero on the final examination as has already been levied by the course instructor.

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Discipline: Continued to receive a mark of zero on the final examination as has already been levied by the course instructor.

67. A student committed academic misconduct by hiring and paying an outside agent to write his/her final examination, which was held online.

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

68. A student committed academic misconduct by extensively plagiarizing work published online to complete two major assignments.

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

69. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) supplying a fraudulent physician's note to support his/her appeal of the Faculty's decision that he/she be required to withdraw from the program due to poor academic performance; and (ii) subsequently engaging in fraudulent and obfuscatory activity by knowingly attempted to convince the Faculty that the physician's note was legitimate.

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

70. A student committed academic misconduct by extensively plagiarizing the work of another student to complete a major written assignment.

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

71. A student committed academic misconduct by actively soliciting another student or students in his/her class to engage in an unauthorized collaboration during a closed book final examination, and that he/she attempted to cover-up the true extent of his/her involvement in the scheme after the examination by deleting relevant evidence.

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

72. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with another student during the closed book final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course \*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon graduation]

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

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

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

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

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months\*\*. Upon the lapsing of suspension and a return to studies, subject to probation for the duration of one year during which time he/she must maintain good conduct.

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

Discipline: A formal letter of reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of one year during which time he/she must maintain good conduct.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

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

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A retroactive suspension from the University for 8 months\*\*. He/She is not to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), directly or indirectly, with the complainant.

6. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 9 months\*\*.

7. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*.

8. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A formal letter of reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of one year during which time he/she must maintain good conduct.

9. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.1(e) with regard to misconduct against persons.

Discipline: A formal warning.

10. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.1(e) with regard to misconduct against persons.

Discipline: A formal letter of reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of one year during which time he/she must maintain good conduct.

11. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A formal letter of reprimand.

12. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct, and prohibited conduct under the Student Code of Conduct.

Discipline: A formal letter of reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of one year during which time he/she must maintain good conduct. He/She is not to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), directly or indirectly, with the complainant. Required to write a letter of apology, with admission of responsibility, addressed to the complainant, to be sent to the attention of the President and Vice-President Students.

13. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A retroactive suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*. He/She is not to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), directly or indirectly, with the complainant.

14. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months\*\*. He/She is not to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), directly or indirectly, with the complainant.

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

1. A student committed academic misconduct by conspiring with another student to submit plagiarized materials for an assignment.

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the lab report of a peer and submitting that plagiarized work as his/her own.

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

3. A student committed academic misconduct by posting copyrighted questions from an assignment on Chegg.com and plagiarizing the solutions obtained from Chegg.com.

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing portions of a report submitted for a course and a proposal submitted for another course.

Discipline: The first instance of plagiarism was found to be unintentional resulted from a lack of care and attention to quoting and citation standards. A letter of reprimand for the second instance of plagiarism.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by intentionally plagiarizing portions of a published article which he/she submitted as his/her own work.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by using unauthorized materials and devices, and sharing answers with 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 intentionally submitting a falsified medical record to gain academic concessions for the midterm examination.

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

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

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct in contravention of multiple sections of the Student Code of Conduct: section 4.2.1 with regard to misconduct against persons; section 4.2.2 with regard to misconduct involving property; and section 4.2.8 with regard to refusal to comply with a direction of a University representative.

Discipline: Ineligible to be readmitted to the University during the Winter Session Term 1 until he/she has satisfied requirements (“Ineligible Period”). Notation of non-academic misconduct on transcript which will be removed at the expiry of the Ineligible Period. Prohibited from accessing the UBC Okanagan campus during the Ineligible Period, except as may be expressly permitted in advance by UBCO Campus Security. He/she to not send threatening, harassing or intimidating communication in any manner or form, directly or indirectly, to Faculty, staff or other students of the University. During the Ineligible Period, he/she is not to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly or indirectly, with Faculty or staff of the University other than with the designated contact persons or offices for bona fide purposes that may include satisfying the condition for reinstatement. As a condition of reinstatement to the University in any subsequent academic term

to Winter Session Term 1, he/she will be required to provide to the University an independent assessment by a qualified medical practitioner approved in advance by the University that satisfies the University that he/she is fit to continue his/her studies without undue risk that he/she will intimidate, harass or threaten members of the UBC community.

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

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months\*\*. He/She is not to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), directly or indirectly, with the complainant.

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

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*. Prohibited from accessing the UBC Okanagan campus for the duration of the suspension.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months\*\*. Upon the lapsing of suspension and a return to studies, subject to probation for the duration of one year during which time he/she must maintain good conduct.

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct under UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct, as well as additional and separate breaches of the Student Code of Conduct: section 4.2.1(a) and 4.2.1(e).

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 24 months\*\*. Prohibited from having any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly or indirectly, with the complainant.

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 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 her discretion to remove the notation.

\*\* 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.