

2023/2024 Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

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 2023/2024 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, 2023 to August 31, 2024, 54 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline, 11 students appeared before the President's UBC Vancouver and Okanagan Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, 8 students were investigated under UBC Policy SC17, Sexual Misconduct. Of these students, 69 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 an assignment that was substantially copied from published sources. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a falsified medical note as supporting documentation for his/her appeal to continue in the bachelor program after a failed year. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 24 months*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript five years after the date of graduation from university, or at any time thereafter.]

3. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing a major written assignment. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by committing nine acts of academic misconduct in a total of three courses: (i) contacted another student during an examlet in a course; (ii) took a photograph of an examination question and sent it to another person

during the final examination in another course; (iii) submitted self-plagiarized work and work from other sources to complete six assignments in a course when he/she retook that course; and accessed course material during the final examination.

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

5. A student committed academic misconduct by using ChatGPT to generate answers that he/she submitted as part of his/her final examination in direct contravention of explicit examination rules prohibiting its use.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by using ChatGPT to answer final examination questions in violation of the examination rules.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript approximately two years from the date of the President's decision letter]

7. A student committed academic misconduct by utilizing AI-based software to generate information that was copied and pasted into the final examination in direct contravention of explicit examination rules.

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

8. A student committed academic misconduct by using ChatGPT to answer final examination questions in violation of the examination rules.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript approximately two years from the date of the President's decision letter]

9. A student committed academic misconduct by stealing the work of multiple lab assignments from another student and submitted that work as his/her own. [These are multiple acts of offense and, in addition, given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

10. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing materials for multiple lab assignments with other students in direct contravention of explicit course rules.

Discipline: A mark of zero for lab assignments*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript upon graduation]

11. A student committed academic misconduct by copying the assignment of another student from a previous term as his/her own, and verbatim copying from online sources without appropriate attribution. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*. Required to complete the Academic Integrity Foundations module and provide the Academic Integrity Officer with a copy of Certificate of Completion. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript upon graduation from university]

12. A student committed academic misconduct by using a generative AI tool to generate many fraudulent references in a revised doctoral dissertation draft and submitted it to his/her research supervisor. The student has voluntarily withdrawn from the graduate program.

Discipline: A notation of academic misconduct on transcript*.

13. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing prohibited materials in midterm examinations in two courses during washroom breaks for both examinations.

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

14. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing prohibited materials during the midterm examination.

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

15. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing, operating and attempting to hide one of his/her phones during the deferred final examination in direct contravention of examination rules. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

16. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting assignments in a course and reflection papers in another course that contained substantial plagiarized material.

Discipline: A mark of zero for both courses*.

17. A student committed academic misconduct by working outside the lockdown browser during the midterm examination in violation of the examination rules, and engaging in obstructionist behaviors toward exam invigilators. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

18. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting an assignment in the course containing content that was plagiarized from the work of another student, and requested a regrade of the plagiarized work; and (ii) subsequently submitting another assignment in the same course containing content that was plagiarized from another student which contained materials from a different section of the course that he/she did not have access to. [This is the second and third offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

19. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two assignments that were plagiarized from other sources. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct handled through the diversionary process]

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

20. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating, requesting and accessing another student's final examination while he/she was completing his/her own examination prior to submission for marking. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

21. A student committed academic misconduct by copying material from neighbouring students during a closed-book midterm examination. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct handled through the diversionary process]

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

22. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing an unauthorized resource during the midterm examination.

Discipline: A mark of 50% for the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

23. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaboration on a lab assignment.

Outcome: The evidence did not support the allegation of academic misconduct. No discipline will be administered.

24. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting work for lab assignments that was the result of unauthorized collaboration with or copying from other students. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*. Required to complete the Academic Integrity Foundations module, and compose a reflective essay.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two lab assignments that were substantially plagiarized from students in the course. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*. Required to complete the Academic Integrity Foundations module, and compose a reflective essay.

26. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaboration with another student on a lab assignment. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

27. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) copying portions of a lab assignment in a course from another student; (ii) submitting work for Lab Proficiency Test that matched other students due to unauthorized collaboration or access to shared notes during the test; (iii) looking at a student's paper and continuing writing after the end of the midterm examination; and (iv) submitting work by engaging in unauthorized collaboration with another student on a lab assignment in another course.

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

28. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting substantially plagiarized material in ten weekly assignments and two essay assignments in a course, and in nine reflexive reading assignments and a journal article assignment in another course.

Discipline: A mark of zero for both courses and a suspension from the University for 8 months*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript at a shorter period of time]

29. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting three different works in a course that contained material that was not his/her own.

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

30. A student committed academic misconduct by using material from outside sources to complete the closed-book midterm examination.

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

31. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a second draft of a dissertation chapter/manuscript that contained significant amounts of material that was plagiarized from other sources.

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

32. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting work that was not his/her own in violation of explicit course rules. [This is a third offense given previous findings of academic misconduct]

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

33. A student committed academic misconduct by copying from another student's paper for an assignment. [This is a third offense given previous findings of academic misconduct]

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

34. A student committed academic misconduct by having someone else write his/her final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a suspension from the University for 24 months*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript two years after completion of a graduate degree from university]

35. A student committed academic misconduct by continuing to answer exam questions after he/she left the exam room and by consulting unauthorized material when he/she did so.

- Discipline: A letter of reprimand*. Required to compose a reflective essay. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript upon graduation from doctoral program]
36. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a major paper that contained self-plagiarized material and material plagiarized from external sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*.
37. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting significant amounts of material in two major papers in two different courses that were falsified and not his/her own work.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for both courses and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.
38. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting assignments in three courses that contained material that was not his/her own authentic work in direct contravention of explicit course rules.
- Discipline: A mark of zero on the assignment for the first course (for which a reduced mark had already been imposed by the Faculty). A mark of zero for the other courses, and a suspension from the University for 4 months*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript upon graduation from university]
39. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with other students on assignments in two courses in violation of the course rules. [This is a third offense given previous findings of academic misconduct]
- Discipline: A mark of zero for both courses and a suspension from the University for 16 months*.
40. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting plagiarized material in a research paper in one course and a seminar paper in another course.
- Discipline: A mark of zero on the research paper, and a mark of zero in the other course. A suspension from the University for 4 months*. [Allowed to request removal of notation from transcript upon graduation from university]
41. A student committed academic misconduct by using ChatGPT to create assignments in two courses in violation of course rules.
- Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months*. Required to complete four Academic Integrity Modules.

42. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting multiple lab assignments that contained answers that were arrived at using material, ideas, and/or processes that were obtained with the help of outside sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*.

UBC Vancouver – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student was alleged to have committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.1 with regard to misconduct against persons.

Outcome: It had not been established that he/she breached the Student Code of Conduct. The allegation was dismissed.

2. A student was alleged to have committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.1 with regard to misconduct against persons.

Outcome: It had not been established that he/she breached the Student Code of Conduct. The allegation was dismissed.

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

Discipline: A formal letter of reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of two years, during which time he/she must maintain good conduct. During the period of probation, 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.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.6 with regard to false information and identification.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 5 months**.

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.6 with regard to false information and identification.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months**. Subject to probation for the duration of one year, during which time he/she must maintain good conduct, should he/she seek to return to the University to resume or continue his/her studies and is readmitted.

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

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 24 months**. Subject to probation for the duration of his/her studies during which time he/she must maintain good conduct, should he/she resume his/her studies at the University. During the period of probation, he/she is not to have any unnecessary communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), directly or indirectly, with the complainant.

7. A student was alleged to have breached the Student Code of Conduct sections 4.2.1(c) Misconduct against persons and 4.2.7 Aiding the commission of prohibited conduct.

Outcome: The Committee was evenly divided as to whether his/her conduct constituted non-academic misconduct. A majority is required for a finding of misconduct. No disciplinary measures were imposed.

8. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.6 with regard to false information and identification.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months**. Subject to probation for the duration of his/her studies, during which time he/she must maintain good conduct, should he/she seek to return to the University to resume or continue his/her studies and is readmitted.

9. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically sections 4.2.6 with regard to false information and identification, and 4.2.7 with regard to aiding the commission of prohibited conduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months**. Subject to probation for the duration of his/her studies, during which time he/she must maintain good conduct.

10. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, specifically section 4.2.6 with regard to false information and identification.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months**. Subject to probation for the duration of his/her studies, during which time he/she must maintain good conduct.

UBC Okanagan – Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaborative work for an individual report. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaborative work for an individual report. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

3. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing three assignments and submitting false information in an effort to obtain academic concessions for missing a midterm examination in the same course. [This is a third offense given previous findings of academic misconduct]

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by violating the terms of an Integrity Plan (“IP”) by failing to complete the AIM program as had been agreed to and required under that plan. Additionally, he/she failed to comply with the examination policies for the midterm examination, which admitted misconduct then led to the IP.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*. [Allowed to request removal of notation upon completion of the AIM program and provision of the certificate of completion]

5. A student committed academic misconduct by violating the terms of an Integrity Plan (“IP”), as well as having engaged in plagiarism in his/her portion of a team research report in a course, that then led to the IP.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by leaving the examination room and submitting the final examination outside of the controlled classroom setting in violation of the examination policies. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

7. A student committed academic misconduct by using ChatGPT to obtain answers to questions on the final examination. [This is a second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

8. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) bringing and using a prohibited device during the final examination for the purpose of cheating in a course; and (ii) bringing and accessing a prohibited device to the midterm examination of another course. [These are second and third offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

In addition, he/she has violated the terms of probation as he/she was on a one-year probation for having engaged in non-academic misconduct, in particular, breach of Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct Policy.

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

9. A student committed academic misconduct by including significant instances of plagiarism in the assignment. [This is the third offense given previous findings of academic misconduct]

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

10. A student committed academic misconduct by impermissibly collaborating with another student on the final examination. [This is the second offense given previous finding of academic misconduct]

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

11. A student committed academic misconduct by impermissibly collaborating with another student on the final examination. [This is the third offense given previous findings of academic misconduct]

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

12. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to comply with the terms of an Integrity Plan, which was implemented in response to his/her admitted misconduct during the final exam of a course.

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

UBC Okanagan – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases

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

Discipline: Expelled from the University with a permanent non-removable record of the disciplinary action entered on transcript. Not permitted to reapply to the University for admission.

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

Discipline: Letter of formal reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of his/her studies should he/she return to the University, 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.

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

Discipline: Letter of formal reprimand. Subject to probation for one year should he/she resume his/her studies at the University, during which time he/she must maintain good conduct. During the period of probation he/she is not to have any unnecessary communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), directly or indirectly with the complainant.

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

Discipline: Expelled from the University with a permanent non-removable record of the disciplinary action entered on transcript. Not permitted to reapply to the University for admission.

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct section 4.2.3 Disruption and 4.2.7 Aiding in the Commission of Prohibited Conduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months**. Prohibited from entering the UBC Okanagan campus for the duration of suspension. Not eligible to hold any future tenancy agreements with UBC Student Housing & Community Services, and not permitted visiting privileges in any living spaces in residences managed by UBC Student Housing & Community Services for two years should he/she seek to return to the University to resume studies and is readmitted.

6. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct section 4.2.3 Disruption and 4.2.7 Aiding in the Commission of Prohibited Conduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months**. Prohibited from entering the UBC Okanagan campus for the duration of suspension. Not eligible to hold any future tenancy agreements with UBC Student Housing & Community Services, and not permitted visiting privileges in any living spaces in residences managed by UBC Student Housing & Community Services for two years should he/she seek to return to the University to resume studies and is readmitted.

7. A student committed non-academic misconduct in violation of the Student Code of Conduct section 4.2.3 Disruption and 4.2.7 Aiding in the Commission of Prohibited Conduct.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months**. Prohibited from entering the UBC Okanagan campus for the duration of suspension. Not eligible to hold any future tenancy agreements with UBC Student Housing & Community Services, and not permitted visiting privileges in any living spaces in residences managed by UBC Student Housing & Community Services for two years should he/she seek to return to the University to resume studies and is readmitted.

8. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Misconduct, and in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Discipline: Expelled from the University with a permanent non-removable record of the disciplinary action entered on transcript. Not permitted to reapply to the University for admission. Prohibited from entering the UBC Okanagan campus.

9. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the UBC Policy SC 17: Sexual Misconduct. [This is the second offense given previous finding of non-academic misconduct]

Discipline: Letter of formal reprimand. Subject to probation for the duration of his/her studies at the University, during which time he/she must maintain good

conduct. During the period of probation he/she is not to have any unnecessary communication or contact, in any form or manner (including email, telephone calls or texts, or social media), 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 his 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.