

2007/2008 Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008

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 2007/2008 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, 2007 to August 31, 2008, **68** students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline (PACSD) and **61** 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.

1. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting false information in support of his/her application to change Faculties.

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her papers in two courses from the Internet.

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

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct by entering a women's only washroom, peering under the shower curtain, and taking pictures of a female student:

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 24 months*.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to disclose on his/her application for admission to UBC that he/she had attended a post-secondary institution.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by rewriting his/her midterm examination using the posted solution, and then submitting it to the instructor for reconsideration as to marks.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unacknowledged collaboration on an assignment.

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

7. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by engaging in unacknowledged collaboration on an assignment.

Outcome: Student found to not have committed any academic misconduct.

8. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of another student by copying parts of an essential portion of an assignment.

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

9. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by allowing another student to copy essential portions of an assignment.

Outcome: Student found to not have committed academic misconduct.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by copying from another student in a midterm examination.

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

11. A student committed academic misconduct by assisting another student to copy answers from his/her midterm examination.

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

12. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material (a USB key) into a final examination and using it.

Discipline: Due to extenuating circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and a letter of severe reprimand*.
13. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing one part of his/her lab report from a previous report.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the lab report and a letter of reprimand.
14. A student committed academic misconduct by falsifying data in his/her part of a group lab report.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 4 months*.
15. A student committed academic misconduct by making unauthorized changes to his/her own records while employed at UBC.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of severe reprimand*.
16. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with another student during a final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.
17. A student committed academic misconduct by collaborating with another student during a final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.
18. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that was plagiarized from Internet sources.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and a letter of severe reprimand.

19. A student committed academic misconduct by forging signatures on three university forms which he/she submitted to his/her Faculty of study.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

20. A student committed non-academic misconduct by physically assaulting a fellow student during a scheduled break in a course.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of severe reprimand*.

21. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper that had been plagiarized from Internet sites.

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

22. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by submitting a research essay that contained plagiarized elements.

Outcome: No substantive evidence that student committed plagiarism in preparing the essay.

23. A student committed academic misconduct by having another person write an exam for him/her.

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

24. A student committed academic misconduct by forging signatures on three university forms which he/she submitted to his/her Faculty of study.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 18 months*.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by copying the answer of another student in a midterm examination.

Discipline: Due to extenuating circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

26. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a forged doctor's note in a course for the purpose of obtaining some accommodation with respect to assignments in that course.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.

27. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting 5 essays in one course that contained plagiarized materials taken from various Internet sources.

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

28. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment which contained improper referencing and improper citation.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

29. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material (class notes) into a midterm examination and made use of the material.

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 two laboratory assignments which contained improper referencing and improper citation.

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

31. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that was copied, in large part, from a published work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 18 months*.

32. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper which contained plagiarized statements from published papers and a falsified bibliography that was not reflective of the textual content in the term paper.

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

33. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting papers in two courses which were written by someone else.

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

34. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting a report that was plagiarized from another student and (ii) the student submitted a medical note to excuse him/her from an examination that was forged by the student.

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

35. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a report that was plagiarized from another student.

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

36. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing information electronically with a classmate on a final examination.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

37. A student allegedly cheated on a final examination by sharing information electronically with another student.

Outcome: Inconclusive evidence. Case dismissed.

38. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a report that contained another student's ideas and bibliography and contained improper referencing.

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

39. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay that had been purchased. The essay was also plagiarized in large part from a published article.

Discipline: Mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University of 4 months*.

40. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaboration with another student in a course and submitting results that could not have been produced from the codes submitted.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

41. A student committed academic misconduct by engaging in unauthorized collaboration with another student in a course and submitting results that could not have been produced from the codes submitted.

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

42. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an answer that had been completed by another student as his/her own in a final examination.

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

43. A student committed non-academic misconduct by e-mailing two separate threats to the University that caused major disruptions to campus including the closure of one building.

Discipline: Expelled from the University and a permanent record of the disciplinary action be entered on the student's transcript.

44. A student allegedly prepared and submitted a dissertation containing plagiarized material from the doctoral dissertation of another student and another university.

Outcome: Allegation could not be substantiated.

45. A student allegedly had a friend write his/her midterm examination in a course and presented it as his/her own work:

Outcome: Future registration blocked until student appears before the President Advisory Committee on Student Discipline, that a notation be placed on transcript, the notation to be removed after attending the hearing and final mark in the course be withheld pending outcome of the hearing.

46. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a report that was plagiarized from published sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 6 months*.
47. A student allegedly shared information for an assignment with another student; the information was subsequently submitted by students in the second term's offering of the course.
- Outcome: The allegation of academic misconduct was not proven.
48. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from a friend for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own in violation of the course rules.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and letter of reprimand*.
49. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from a friend for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own in violation of the course rules.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.
50. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from another student for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own work.
- Discipline: In the circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand.
51. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from another student for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own work.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.
52. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from another student for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own and also shared the information with a third student who used it for his/her own assignment.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.

53. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two versions of a paper for a course that were plagiarized from published sources.

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

54. A student committed academic misconduct by being a conduit for the transmission of information for an assignment that was written and submitted by a student in first term and was submitted in the second term by several other students.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand*.

55. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by being a conduit for the transmission of information for an assignment that was written and submitted by another student in first term and by several students who took the same course in the second term.

Outcome: Committee found that no academic misconduct has been committed.

56. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing information with another student who in turn shared it with two other students in a class. The sharing of information for the course is strictly against the rules of the course and constituted an act of plagiarism.

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

57. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from another student for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own.

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

58. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from another student for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own.

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

59. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining information from another student for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own.

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

60. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) entering grades on two undergraduates' final examination papers without due regard to the marking guide provided by the course instructor and (ii) altering answers on their final examination papers in order for them to receive higher grades from other teaching assistants.

Discipline: A suspension from the University of 12 months*.

61. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a draft PhD dissertation which (i) he/she plagiarized by copying text and images from another student's Master thesis and (ii) he/she copied material from previous co-authored manuscripts without proper acknowledgement.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand and that the student should be given reasonable period of time to correct the errors of citation and referencing in his/her dissertation and complete his/her defence requirements.

62. A student committed non-academic misconduct by text messaging and emailing a number of correspondences to a UBC student that threatened self-harm and harm to the UBC student.

Discipline: A suspension from the University of 12 months*.

63. A student committed academic misconduct by copying a pre-lab example from a course website, modified it and submitted the modified code as his/her own work.

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.

65. A student committed academic misconduct by copying a pre-lab example from a course website, modified it and submitted the modified code as his/her own work.

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

66. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a substantially/ completely plagiarized term paper for a course and the paper also contained several footnotes that were fabricated.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and the student is ineligible to re-apply to the University until the fall of 2010*.

67. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that was plagiarized from several different sources.

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

68. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing in unauthorized material into a final examination.

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