

2009/2010 Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010

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 2009/2010 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, 2009 to August 31, 2010, 61 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline (PACSD) and 58 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

1. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting papers in two courses that were plagiarized from published materials.

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

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a master's thesis that was plagiarized from published sources.

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

3. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material into a final examination and making use of it during the examination.

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by altering the answer on a midterm examination before submitting the examination paper for re-grading.

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

5. A student committed academic misconduct by copying from the course textbook he/she kept with him/her during a final examination.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by taking unauthorized material from his/her pocket at the start of a final examination and copying the unauthorized material onto the back of the examination paper.

Discipline: A mark of zero on the final examination and a letter of reprimand.

7. A student committed academic misconduct by altering his/her personal identification information on the cover sheet of a midterm examination. He/she then emailed the course instructor stating that he/she had been absent from the examination and subsequently supplied a medical note attesting to his/her being absent.

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

8. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that was plagiarized from published sources, and from essays by other students, according to the TurnItIn analysis.

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

9. A student committed non-academic misconduct by committing a break and enter into the University parking kiosk.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

10. A student committed non-academic misconduct by committing a break and enter into the University parking kiosk.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

11. A student committed academic misconduct by copying answers to his/her quiz from that of another student.

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

12. A student committed academic misconduct by falsely reporting that he/she had not written final examinations for two courses.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand*.

13. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing two term papers in a course from Internet sources and submitting them as his/her own work.

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

14. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two laboratory reports in a course that were wholly or largely the work of another student.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

15. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay in a course that was substantially plagiarized based on an assessment by TurnItIn.com.

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

16. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two laboratory reports for a course that were plagiarized from those of another student who took the course in the previous year.

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

17. A student committed academic misconduct by glancing at another student's examination paper during a midterm examination.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

18. A student committed academic misconduct by copying the answer to an examination question from that of another student during a midterm examination.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

19. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting fraudulent medical documentation after missing a midterm examination.

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

20. A student committed academic misconduct by looking up answers to an examination question on the Internet using his/her iPhone while he/she was in the washroom for an extended period of time during a final examination.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
21. A student committed academic misconduct by altering his/her two marked midterm examinations and submitting the examination papers for re-grading.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
22. A student committed academic misconduct by cheating on a final examination by having several words relating to the course material written on the palm of his/her hand.
- Discipline: A letter of reprimand.
23. A student committed academic misconduct by retrieving course notes stashed in a washroom trash can and accessing the materials during a final examination. He/She also left the examination room without authorization on multiple occasions in violation of the rules of the Access and Diversity Office.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
24. A student committed academic misconduct by possessing and using unauthorized materials during the writing of a final examination at the Access and Diversity Office.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper in a course and postings to the course's online discussions that were plagiarized from Internet sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
26. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by collaborating with another student during a final examination.
- Outcome: Not sufficient proof to support the allegation. No disciplinary action warranted.

27. A student committed academic misconduct by looking at the paper of another student during a final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final examination and a letter of reprimand.

28. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting summaries and a term paper for a course that were plagiarized from secondary sources; and (ii) bringing unauthorized material into an open-book final in-class essay of the same course.

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

29. A student committed academic misconduct by altering answers to several questions on his/her graded examination and submitting the examination paper for re-grading.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

30. A student committed academic misconduct by altering answers to several questions on his/her graded examination and submitting the examination paper for re-grading.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

31. A student committed academic misconduct by altering answers to several questions on his/her graded examination and submitting the examination paper for re-grading.

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

32. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her final essay for a course from Internet sources.

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

33. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting a final examination with a fictitious name at the conclusion of the examination; and (ii) subsequently turning in a stolen, completed examination for grading.

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

34. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting his/her PhD dissertation in a course that was plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand*.

35. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment containing code written by another student whose contribution was not acknowledged in violation of course rules on collaboration.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

36. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment containing code written by another student whose contribution was not acknowledged in violation of course rules on collaboration.

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

37. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment containing code written by other students whose contributions were not acknowledged in violation of course rules on collaboration.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

38. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining code from other students and submitting it in an assignment without reference to the original authors of the code.

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

39. A student committed academic misconduct by copying code off a computer screen from a student and passed it to another student, neither of whom were his/her assignment partners, in violation of the course rules.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

40. A student committed academic misconduct by obtaining code from another student for an assignment and submitting it as his/her own work in violation of the course rules.

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

41. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing code electronically with another student for an assignment in violation of the course rules.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

42. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for his/her assignment that was copied from other students whose contributions were not acknowledged in violation of the course rules.

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

43. A student committed (i) academic misconduct by allowing his/her name to be submitted for part of a joint assignment that was plagiarized from the work of other students; and (ii) non-academic misconduct of harassment and forgery by sending a note that contained offensive comments to his/her instructor and that he/she forged the name of another student in his/her class on that note.

Discipline: (i) A letter of reprimand for academic misconduct; and (ii) a suspension from the University for 4 months for non-academic misconduct*.

44. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment containing code written by other students whose contributions were not acknowledged in violation of course rules on collaboration.

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

45. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment containing code written by other students whose contributions were not acknowledged in violation of course rules on collaboration.

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

46. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment containing code written by other students whose contributions were not acknowledged in violation of course rules on collaboration.

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

47. A student committed non-academic misconduct by (i) acting in a disruptive manner during lectures and activities in class; and (ii) creating a threatening class environment by displaying a knife during class and passing it to other students, which caused personal security concerns for the course instructor and students.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 18 months*. Required to seek behavioural counselling.

48. A student committed non-academic misconduct by composing and sending an email to former University President that threatened her and her children's lives.

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

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49. A student committed non-academic misconduct for (i) underage drinking in residence and; (ii) creating a mixture in a water bottle which landed next to a passerby when the bottle was inadvertently dropped out of his/her window in residence. The passerby had mixture splashed on him.

Discipline: Required to write an apology letter to the complainant; required to complete 20 hours of community service; required to complete the BASICS Alcohol Education Program; placed on Residence Probation for 4 months; forbidden to consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol on University premises for 10 months.

50. A student committed non-academic misconduct for (i) underage drinking in residence and; (ii) inadvertently dropping a mixture in a water bottle out of his/her window in residence which landed next to a passerby who had mixture splashed on him.

Discipline: Required to complete 20 hours of community service; placed on Residence Probation for 4 months; forbidden to consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol on University premises for 10 months.

51. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct for (i) setting off a fire alarm in residence; and (ii) removing a fire extinguisher from the residence.

Outcome: Not sufficient information to support the allegations. No disciplinary action warranted.

52. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large sections of the paper taken from uncited sources.

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

53. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large sections of the paper taken from uncited sources.

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

54. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large sections of the paper taken from uncited sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.
55. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large portions of the paper copied from that of another student.
- Outcome: Absolved of allegation of wrongdoing. No discipline action warranted.
56. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large portions of the paper copied from that of another student.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.
57. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large sections of the paper taken from uncited sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
58. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large sections of the paper taken from uncited sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
59. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course with large sections of the paper taken from uncited sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
60. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper in a course that was plagiarized from that of another student.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a letter of reprimand.
61. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a thesis assignment in a course with large sections of the thesis taken from uncited sources.
- Discipline: A mark of zero for the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*. Undergraduate degree rescinded.

* 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.