

2010/2011

Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011

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 2010/2011 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, 2010 to August 31, 2011, 39 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline (PACSD) and 38 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 copying the answer to a question on a midterm examination from that of a student sitting nearby.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by copying the answer to a question on a midterm examination from that of a student sitting nearby.

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

3. A student committed academic misconduct by possessing unauthorized material on his/her person during the writing of a final examination.

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with another student in the washroom during the examination period.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a doctoral dissertation in a course which contained uncited materials identical to published sources available both online and in book form.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by perpetrating a fraud in a number of courses by capturing an image of a title page date-stamped on the due date and submitting the assignment late. He/she then used this image as evidence that he/she had handed in the assignment on time at the departmental drop-box and claimed that it had been lost by the department to avoid penalties.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the written assignments. A mark of zero in the course for submission of two written assignments in the same manner. A suspension from the University for 4 months*.

7. A student committed non-academic misconduct by creating fraudulent tickets to a first year social event on campus and sold some of them to make a profit.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

8. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting a fraudulent medical note in support of a missed midterm examination in a course; and (ii) submitting another fraudulent medical note in support of a late assignment in another course.

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

9. A student committed academic misconduct by attending the midterm examination in his/her assigned section to view the examination questions to better prepare himself/herself and then writing the examination in a later section on the same day, without his/her instructor's permission, for the purpose of raising his/her final grade.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the midterm exam. A suspension from the University for 12 months*.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a fraudulent medical note for a missed examination.

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

11. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper that was plagiarized from online sources. He/she was disciplined previously for academic misconduct in the last year.

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

12. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a doctoral dissertation in a course which contained plagiarized materials from published sources.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
13. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting three laboratory reports in a course that were plagiarized from those of his/her lab partner.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.
14. A student committed academic misconduct by offering “homework services”, for a fee, to provide students materials which they could submit as their own assignments.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.
15. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her papers in two courses from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.
16. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material, disguised as a final examination booklet, into a final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final exam and a letter of reprimand.
17. A student committed academic misconduct by removing other students’ homework assignments in a course from the pile where the class was handing them in. He/she subsequently erased their names and student numbers, added his/her name and student number on the cover sheet, and also altered the answers on some of those assignments. He/she then submitted their work as his/her own.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.
18. A student committed academic misconduct by purchasing an essay online and submitting it as his/her term paper in a course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

19. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a master's thesis in a course which contained uncited materials identical to published sources available online.

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

20. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two medical certificates that were fraudulent in support of his/her request for a late withdrawal from a course.

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

21. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting forged medical notes in support of requests to defer missed final examinations in two courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final examinations in both courses and a suspension from the University for 6 months*.

22. A student committed academic misconduct by copying answers from those of another student's co-authored assignment and submitting the work as his/her own.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

23. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing and giving his/her co-authored assignment to another student who then copied some answers and submitted the work as his/her own.

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

24. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting assignments in a course which were plagiarized from the work of a student who took the course two years ago.

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

25. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) cheating on his/her final examination by having unauthorized material (electronic device) and making use of it during the examination period; and (ii) plagiarizing components of his/her take-home essay from a secondary source in the same course.

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

26. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final term paper that was plagiarized from an online review.

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

27. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her assignments from published sources in all of his/her courses on an exchange program while registered as a student at UBC.

Discipline: Notation of credits failed entered on UBC transcript. A suspension from the University for 12 months*.

UBC Okanagan

28. A student committed non-academic misconduct for (i) taking without authorization University property and; (ii) possessing University property without authorization.

Discipline: Required to complete the BASICS Alcohol Education Program; placed on Residence Probation; and required to complete 15 hours of community service at the discretion of the Associate Vice President Students.

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Discipline: Required to complete the BASICS Alcohol Education Program; placed on Residence Probation; and required to complete 15 hours of community service at the discretion of the Associate Vice President Students.

30. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a proposal for a course where sections of the proposal were taken from uncited sources.

Outcome: No disciplinary action warranted due to major extenuating circumstance.

31. A student committed academic misconduct by using unauthorized means to complete an examination and that he/she submitted false information to obtain an academic concession.

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

32. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.1 – Misconduct Against Persons.

Discipline: Required to make restitution to the University; not be permitted to use alcohol or under the influence of alcohol while on University property; and banned from the Residence Precinct for a designated period of time.

33. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.4 - Unauthorized Use of University Facilities, Equipment or Services.

Discipline: Required to make restitution to the University; banned from the Residence Precinct until further notice; and prohibited from being on campus except for the purpose of attending class for a designated period of time.

34. A student committed academic misconduct twice by submitting two different essay papers in a course where portions of the essays were taken from uncited sources.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

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

36. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay paper in a course which contained material, copied without acknowledgement, from an essay available for purchase online.

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

37. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.2 – Misconduct Involving Property.

Discipline: Required to make restitution to the University; banned from the Residence properties for the remainder of the academic year; and required to post a Behaviour Bond to be returned to him/her at the end of the academic year as long he/she is not found responsible for non-academic misconduct during this period of time.

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Discipline: Required to make restitution to the University; banned from the Residence properties for the remainder of the academic year; and required to post a Behaviour Bond to be returned to him/her at the end of the academic year as long he/she is not found responsible for non-academic misconduct during this period of time.

39. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.7 – Aiding in the Commission of Prohibited Conduct.

Discipline: 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.