

# **2017/2018**

## **Student Discipline Summaries**

September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018

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 2017/2018 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, 2017 to August 31, 2018, 34 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline, 5 students appeared before the President's UBC Vancouver and Okanagan Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, and 7 students were investigated under UBC Policy #131, Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct. Of these students, 42 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 pasting unauthorized material into his/her midterm examination while taking the examination online.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months\*. Required to compose a one-page essay explaining how he/she plans to take responsibility for his/her actions.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing substantial portions of a close-to-final draft of his/her doctoral dissertation.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months\*. Continuation of doctoral work following suspension subject to specified conditions.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a lab assignment that was plagiarized from the work of another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the lab assignment.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by providing another student with his/her computer code for a lab assignment.

Discipline: A letter of advice.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by self-plagiarizing, writing the examination with other students for the purpose of sharing work and collaborating on answers, and by being dishonest when meeting with the course instructor and Associate Dean to discuss the examination. This offence occurred less than 3 months after the student returned to the University from a suspension for prior misconduct.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months\*. Continuation of studies following suspension subject to specified conditions.

6. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct in an examination by communicating with another student, exchanging a piece of paper with that student, and continuing to write the exam after the instructor had called an end to the exam.

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

7. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct in an examination by communicating with another student, exchanging a piece of paper with that student, and continuing to write the exam after the instructor had called an end to the exam.

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

8. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a written assignment that was plagiarized from the work of another student.

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

9. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to disclose attendance at a previous institution when he/she first submitted application for admission to a degree program.

Discipline: Due to significant mitigating circumstances, no discipline imposed in this case.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting papers in two courses as well as a master thesis proposal that contained significant materials that were plagiarized from other sources.

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

11. A student committed academic misconduct by purchasing a term paper and submitting it as his/her own work in a course and by purchasing data he/she used in a paper he/she submitted in another course.

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

12. A student committed academic misconduct by negotiating with and paying a writing service to generate a complete term paper and handed it in as his/her own work.

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

13. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that was plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course\*. Required to write apology letters to the professors to acknowledge the breach of trust he/she has caused.

14. A student committed academic misconduct by consulting unauthorized material during an examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the module and a suspension from the University for 4 months. Required to retake the course.

15. A student committed academic misconduct by purchasing a paper from a ghostwriting service and submitting it, almost in its entirety, as his/her own work.

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

16. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a research proposal that contained material that was plagiarized from a previously published article.

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

17. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing the work of another student in an assignment.

Outcome: The evidence of wrongdoing was not conclusive. The allegation was dismissed.

18. A student committed academic misconduct by making false claims and providing fraudulent supporting documents regarding air travel to seek academic concessions.

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

19. A student committed academic misconduct by repeatedly communicated with another student through a web application during an online quiz, and requested the other student's software code to answer a question on that quiz.

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

20. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with another student through a web application during an online quiz and shared his/her software code with that student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

21. A student committed academic misconduct by paying a third party to submit applications containing falsified transcripts for admission to UBC in 2017 and the Bachelor of Commerce program in 2018.

Discipline: Expelled from the University. May not reapply to the University for admission. Permanent (non-removable) notation on transcript.

22. A student committed academic misconduct by willfully submitting plagiarized software code provided by a tutor he/she hired for a course assignment.

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

23. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by submitting plagiarized work provided to him/her by his/her partner for a course assignment.

Discipline: No formal discipline applied in this case. However, due to a previous academic misconduct incident in another course that was dealt with at the faculty level, he/she was required to research and write an essay to explain the importance of academic honesty to the entire UBC community.

24. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a term project that he/she copied from another student and by making false statements to course instructors in an attempt to cover up the misconduct.

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

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a term project that was provided to him/her by a tutor, by sharing this code with another student, and by making false statements to course instructors in an attempt to cover up the misconduct.

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

26. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a term project that was provided to him/her by a tutor and by making false statements to course instructors in an attempt to cover up the misconduct.

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

27. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a term project that was provided to him/her by a tutor and by making false statements to course instructors in an attempt to cover up the misconduct.

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

28. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a term project that was provided to him/her by a tutor and by making false statements to course instructors in an attempt to cover up the misconduct.

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

29. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a term project that was provided to him/her by a tutor and by making false statements to course instructors in an attempt to cover up the misconduct.

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

30. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting code for a term project that was provided to him/her by a tutor and by making false statements to course instructors in an attempt to cover up the misconduct.

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

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

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct (specifically sexual assault) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 18 months\*\*; not permitted to graduate until after the conclusion of the suspension. Prohibited from access to the University campus for the duration of the suspension. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct (specifically sexual harassment) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 8 months\*\*. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant. Prohibited from access to University campus for the duration of suspension.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct (specifically sexual assault) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 24 months\*\*. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant. Prohibited from access to University campus for the duration of suspension.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct (specifically sexual assault) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Expelled from the University; may not reapply to the University for admission; permanent (non-removable) record of disciplinary action entered on transcript; credit shall not be granted for coursework taken at the University.

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct (specifically voyeurism) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 4 months\*\*. Prohibited from access to University campus for the duration of suspension. Prohibited from entering any UBC student residence. Remain on probation for the duration of undergraduate degree.

6. A student committed non-academic misconduct by punching another student in the face multiple times following a disagreement.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for a period of one-term. Eligible to reapply for readmission to the University for Summer 2019 session.

7. A student committed non-academic misconduct (specifically sexual harassment and stalking) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Letter of reprimand and notation, which will be removed after twelve months from the date of the letter.

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

1. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by knowingly or carelessly providing untrue or incomplete information with his/her undergraduate application to UBC contrary to the UBC Admissions Student Declaration.

Outcome: The evidence did not substantiate the allegation of academic misconduct. The allegation was dismissed.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to provide relevant information about his/her prior academic experience on his/her undergraduate application to UBC contrary to the UBC Admissions Student Declaration.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 4 months.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by the widespread fraudulent representation of his/her academic qualifications.

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two collages that were copies of published works by a photographer.

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

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

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct (specifically sexual assault and stalking) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 12 months\*\*. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant. Prohibited from access to University campus for the duration of suspension.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct against persons under the Student Code of Conduct 4.2.1(a) physically aggressive behavior, assault, harassment, intimidation, threats or coercion.

Discipline: Prohibited from entering a specified location until April 30, 2019.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct by engaging in a physical altercation with a fellow student.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for a month\*\*. Non-Academic Misconduct probation until April 30, 2019. Required documentation of successful completion of an anger management program as approved by UBCO Health and Wellness by Dec 2018.

4. A student committed non-academic misconduct by entering and remaining in a faculty member's office without their knowledge or consent.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 3 months\*\*.

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct by physically threatening an RCMP officer.

Discipline: Banned from living on UBC Student Residences on either campus.

\* 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.

\*\* 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.