

Step 1

Academic Misconduct suspected by marker or invigilator

Academic Misconduct is defined as acts or omissions by a student that would give them an unfair advantage in assessment. This includes plagiarism, collusion and contract cheating. If academic misconduct is suspected, the University will follow this process to investigate.

It is important that you access support from the WSU Advice Centre at this stage. As we are independent from the University, your Advisor is able to support you with putting your case together and attend any meetings with you as your SU Representative.

Step 2

Academic Conduct Panel (ACP)

If academic misconduct is suspected, your department will host an in-house academic misconduct panel to determine whether there is a case to answer. The panel can either decide:

Step 3

Poor academic practice

That there is evidence of poor academic practice, but not academic misconduct.

In this case, the assessed piece of work will be marked on merit.

Possible outcomes
A - C

No case to answer



Suspected Academic Misconduct

If there is evidence of academic misconduct, the panel will refer the case to the Head of Department. The Head of Department can choose a sanction to apply.

Possible outcomes
A - C

Suspected Academic Misconduct

If there is evidence of academic misconduct, the panel will refer the case to the Head of Department. The Head of Department can choose to refer the case to the Academic Integrity Committee if the case is more complex.

Possible outcomes
A - f

Step 4

Reduction in marks

A reduction in mark for the assessed work to reflect the impact of the academic misconduct. The mark may be reduced down to zero.

A

Resubmission with revised referencing

Require re-submission of the original work with revised referencing, for a capped mark.

B

Resubmission of new work

Require re-submission of a new piece of work for a reduced or capped mark.

C

Investigation of previous work

Determine that the student's previous work, for which credits had already been accumulated, is to be investigated for academic misconduct by the student's home department.

D

Withdrawal (temporary or permanent)

Recommend to the Academic Registrar that the student be withdrawn from the University, either for a temporary period or permanently.

E

No submission allowed

Determine that a student shall have no right to resubmit, or remedy failure with respect to, the piece or pieces of work in respect of which the case was referred to the AIC.

F

Step 5

Academic Review Panel

That there is evidence of a procedural irregularity in the conduct of the Committee.

That there is evidence of prejudice or bias on the part of the Committee.

That the student is in possession of relevant evidence which was not available to the Committee at the time of its decision. In this instance, the student must provide a reasonable explanation for why the evidence was not made available earlier.

Step 6

Appeals Committee - The Appeals Committee will come to a determination based on the merit of the appeal

Accept

Reject

Office of the Independent Adjudicator (OIA)

If a student is not satisfied with the outcome of their appeal, they are able to take their case to the OIA.

Submit enquiry

