

Report to Senate on Academic Integrity Offences 2022-2023

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Office of the Provost & VP Academic

Undergraduate Academic Integrity Policy

The Academic Integrity policy enacted by Senate in 2009 (revised 2013) is administered by the Deans of Arts & Science, Education, Nursing, and Durham with a requirement that a report on the actions taken under the policy be provided annually to Senate and published on the [Academic Integrity website](#). The website provides information on the policy, the process that is followed if academic dishonesty is found, and links to several sources of support for students and course instructors. Below is a summary (Table 1) of the 2022-2023 academic dishonesty offences by department, separated into the two major categories: copying/cheating and plagiarism.

Table 1. Summary of academic dishonesty offences from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 with comparisons to the previous two years

Academic Unit	Copying/Cheating Major	Copying/Cheating Minor	Plagiarism Major	Plagiarism Minor	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
ADMN	10	4		6	20	16	13
AGRS	1	3			4	1	1
ANTH				1	1	2	8
ASCI				1	1	0	0
BIOL/ BIOM	1	1		9	11	31	6
CAST					0	0	2
COMM					0	0	0
CHEM		10		1	11	6	33
CHYS		2			2	0	1
COIS	2	2		19	23	14	40
CUST			3	2	5	15	9
ECON				2	2	0	0
EDUC					0	0	0
ENGL/ WRIT				15	15	14	20
ERSC/T					0	1	1
FREN					0	1	5
FRSC		1		1	2	3	1
GESO				1	1	4	1
GEOG					0	0	0
HIST			1	10	11	1	2
INDG					0	0	0
IDST				2	2	1	0
KINE	1			1	2	1	

Academic Unit	Copying/Cheating Major	Copying/Cheating Minor	Plagiarism Major	Plagiarism Minor	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
MATH					0	0	0
NURS	1	3		10	14	39	0
PHIL		2	1	3	6	10	6
PHYS		2			2	0	22
PLCW					0	0	1
POST		1		3	4	0	3
PSYC		5	1	3	9	7	15
SOCI				7	7	10	8
SWRK					0	1	0
UNIV					0	1	
TOTAL	16	36	6	97	155	179	198

Depending on the category of the subsequent offence, the policy stipulates that a period of suspension be imposed when a second or third offence occurs. Table 2 provides summary information on number of multiple offenders and number of students who were suspended or expelled. Students have several levels of appeal open to them. First, they can appeal to the chair of the department. The second level of appeal is to the dean following the decision by the chair. Lastly, students who are dissatisfied with the decision by the dean may petition to the Special Appeals Committee.

As per the Policy on the Sharing and Distribution of Course Content (enacted by Senate in 2020), sharing and distribution of any course content other than among individual students registered in the course is not permitted without written permission of the instructor. Of the total 155 offences in 2022-2023, four involved the sharing and distribution of course content.

Table 2. Three-Year Summary of Multiple Offenders, Suspensions/Expulsions and Appeals

Category	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Students with second or third offence (not necessarily in the same year)	17	16	24
Suspensions (one term to two years)	1	5	3
Expulsions	0	2	0
Appeal to Dean successful – reduction in penalty	2	3	6
Appeal to Dean unsuccessful	12	15	8
Special Appeal of Dean decision successful – reduction in penalty	2	2	3
Special Appeal of Dean decision unsuccessful	2	0	0