EXCELLING WITH INTEGRITY

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ROBERT H. LEE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT CASE STUDIES

INSTRUCTIONS

For each case, at your tables:

- 1. Read the case and discuss the questions with your team
- 2. Come to a conclusion on what the RHL response would be
- 3. Discussion as a large group

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT – CASE STUDY 1

During your *BAAC 550 – Foundations in Accounting* online exam, you witness Sara and Tom communicating during the exam – they are sending each other messages on iMessage and Tom is allowing Sara full view of his exam. You know Sara has been having some unexpected significant personal issues recently and likely was not able to study for the exam. In fact, you are quite worried about Sara. When the instructor marks the exams, he notices the answers belonging to these two students to be unusually similar especially a few that are incorrect. When the instructor asks Tom and Sara about this, Sara confirms that she copied from Tom, and that he received no assistance from her at all.

- Who committed and will be investigated for academic misconduct? Why do you think this?
- During the exam, you witnessed the cheating. What was your responsibility?
- It was not outlined in the exam instructions that communicating during the exam is not allowed. Does this make a difference?
- Who could Sara have talked to prior to the exam to get help?

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT – CASE STUDY 2

You are friends with a program alumna. You are out for dinner with her and advise that you are struggling with an operations case for your *BASC 550 - Operations*. You discover that your friend did the exact same case with the same instructor two years ago. She opens up the instructor's case solution slides on her laptop. The instructor used these slides for class discussion after her memo was due. You spend about 15 minutes reviewing and discussing the slides with her and taking some notes from them. You use these notes to complete your case memo. Your instructor finds your work incredibly similar to his slides.

- Does UBC consider your actions to be academic misconduct? Why or why not?
- How will UBC view the actions of the alumna?
- How might this affect your reputation and the alumna's reputation?

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT – CASE STUDY 3

Your course has a team project worth 40% of the course grade. You did not get to select your team members; they were assigned by your instructor. There are four members in your team and there are four distinct sections to the project. The team agrees to split up the work. Each team member works independently on his/her assigned section. All work is submitted to the team leader an hour before the project is due. The team leader quickly pulls all the pieces together, does some quick edits for cohesion, and submits the assignment on behalf of the team. When the instructor runs the project through <u>www.turnitin.com</u> (a web-based service which checks assignments for plagiarism), she discovers that one section has been plagiarized from an internet source. When questioned by the instructor, the student responsible for that section advises that he has not used APA referencing style before and did not understand how to reference.

- Is this academic misconduct? Why or why not?
- How will the student's defense be viewed by the university?
- Which team members will be investigated for academic misconduct? Why?
- What academic practices could the team have adopted to prevent such an outcome?

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT INCLUDES (but is not limited to)

Most common examples:

• Plagiarism

- Failing to cite
- Having a team member fail to cite
- Cheating
 - Copying another student's work
 - Working on individual assignments together
- Impersonation
 - Signing in for another student
 - Clicking another student's iClicker



ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Total investigated cases:

- 2017: 48
- 2018: 18

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ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATION PROCESS

- 1. You will be asked by your instructor to explain the situation.
- 2. The instructor will send all information to the RHL Graduate School.
- 3. RHL will gather all relevant information and package for RHL Academic Misconduct Committee to review.
- 4. You may be interviewed by the Committee.
- 5. The Committee will make a decision and impose discipline, if found guilty.
- 6. RHL may also forward your case to the Presidents' Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Another hearing and further discipline may be imposed.

POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

- 1. A letter of reprimand
- 2. A failing grade or mark of zero on the assignment or in the course in which the academic misconduct occurred
- 3. Suspension, cancellation, or forfeiture of any scholarships, bursaries or prizes
- 4. Suspension from the University for a specified period of time
- 5. Expulsion from the University
- 6. Denial of admission or re-admission to the University for a specified or indefinite period of time
- 7. A notation of academic discipline on the student's record in the Student information System, which will appear on the student's Transcript of Academic Record
- 8. Revocation of a degree or other academic credentials dishonestly or improperly obtained

- Be honest, tell the truth
- Do your own work
- Learn the APA referencing style; refer to it often
- Be careful, check your submissions over
- Talk through team submissions;
 Keep copies of your drafts, emails
 (give yourselves time to build in a review process into your work)
- Check with your instructor if you are unsure
- Hold others accountable



ACADEMIC STANDING + GRADING REGULATIONS

GRADING

Passing Grade = 60% and above Minimal Pass Standing = 60 – 67% Failing Grade = Below 60%

Policies: Where to find them on your program site

Canvas > 2020 MM Program Site > Program Information > Academic Regulations

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The three core values of UBC Sauder are Rigour, Respect and Responsibility.

In line with these values, all students are expected to uphold the highest standards of professional behaviour, and academic honesty while contributing as responsible members of the UBC community. Breach of these expectations or failure to follow the appropriate regulations, principles, rules and guidelines of the University may result in disciplinary action.

Academic Regulations

Students must familiarize themselves with the academic regulations listed below.

In particular students are obligated to fully understand what constitutes **academic misconduct**, as defined by the UBC Calendar. Students involved in academic misconduct will face disciplinary measures and may have all Business Career Services withdrawn for the remainder of their program.

- · Accommodation for Students with Disabilities
- Academic Misconduct
- Academic Standing & Grading Practices
- Breakout Room Usage
- Examinations
- Extending Program Length (Continuing Fee)
- Leave of Absence (On Leave)
- Professionalism, Attendance & Behaviour
- Religious Holidays

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RHL PROFESSIONALISM + REGULATIONS

pro·fes·sion·al·ism prəˈfeSHənlˌizəm/ *noun* 1.the competence or skill expected of a professional. "the key to quality and efficiency is professionalism"

RHL PROFESSIONALISM + REGULATIONS



CLASS EXPECTATIONS

On Time, Every Time 100% Attendance

GROUP WORK EXPECTATIONS

On time + ready to participate

ATTENDANCE:

- 100% attendance is expected
- Up to 20% of a course may be missed for extenuating circumstances such as illness (documentation required); possible academic consequences
- Students missing more than 20% will be required to withdraw could result in a "W" or a "F" standing, and delay graduation
- Please speak with Program Manager if you know you will need to miss class for an upcoming course

TARDINESS:

- Students are expected to be on time for class
- Late students may be refused entry
- Very late students will be considered absent
- Includes returning to class after a break

Exams & Final deliverables

You are required to attend all exams and final presentations. These cannot be rescheduled.

What if I have a job interview?

- Employers are very understanding!
- Talk to your BCC Career Coach and they can give you pointers on how to negotiate alternate time

RHL PROFESSIONALISM + REGULATIONS



RHL classroom *default*: Lids down & phones <u>away</u>

"We waste time, attention, and energy on relatively unimportant information and interactions, staying busy but producing little of value."

"Researchers have demonstrated that the mere presence of a phone makes people less productive and less trusting, and that students who are interrupted while studying take longer to learn the material and feel more stressed."

> –Larry Rosen, Harvard Business Review

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INTEGRITY

class comments group meetings presentations cases group assignments papers networking events interviews community business project relationships ...everywhere



OUR VALUES

UBC Sauder's values are our foundation. We are committed to rigour, respect and responsibility in our school, in our community and in our daily lives.

Rigour Respect Responsibility

RIGOUR

We are motivated by commitment to the rigorous search for truth. We seek deep insights, rather than superficial conclusions. We rely on evidence, and our assumptions are open to testing and public debate.

RESPECT

We are attentive to and conscious of how our words and actions affect others; we learn about the traditions, values and experiences of others so that we are able to understand and appreciate the diversity of perspectives. We are culturally aware and culturally sensitive.

RESPONSIBILITY

We are active participants in our community who take responsibility for improving and transforming the lives of those around us, both locally and globally. We stand up for our values and principles, and question practices that are unjust or that put future generations at risk.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

You Make a Difference. Sort It Out. Keep It Clean.

Respect your environment and others when you're sharing a space.



Recycling stations are available throughout the school for you to dispose your food scraps and recyclables.





UBC SUSTAINABILITY