

What's New in the Student Academic Misconduct Policy (70)?

The revised Student Academic Misconduct policy (70) comes into effect with the start of the Fall 2019 semester and all allegations of academic misconduct will now be governed by this version. With the revision we have also separated the procedures and regulations from the Policy, and these are now published separately (see below for links). While we encourage all academic staff to read the new policy and regulations, there are significant changes and we would like to draw your attention to the following items in the procedures document:

For Teaching Faculty

Page 1-4 – Academic misconduct definitions have been enhanced. There are now 7 categories of misconduct.

Page 4 – Describes the new faculty-led responses for minor cases of plagiarism. Note that students **may not** appeal a faculty-led response to academic misconduct (section 5.2, page 9).

Page 6 – The faculty/instructor is now responsible for informing student and Department Head when commencing an investigation, AND conducting the investigation into allegations of misconduct (section 2).

For the Department Head or Designate

Page 8 – For students who do not respond to requests to meet or fail to attend the Resolution Meeting the Department Head will proceed and send the student the completed Notice of Disciplinary Action for Academic Misconduct to the student UFV email address and through registered mail.

Page 9 – Limits of student's right to appeal the Notice of Disciplinary Action for Academic Misconduct. Note that students themselves are now responsible for any appeal.

Page 11 – Penalties for Academic Misconduct have been expanded, including the introduction of an FD grade

Throughout the regulations and procedures the roles and responsibilities of all parties (faculty/instructor, student, Department Head and Dean) are articulated and include explicit timelines.

The policy is available here:

[https://www.ufv.ca/media/assets/secretariat/policies/Student-Academic-Misconduct-\(70\).pdf](https://www.ufv.ca/media/assets/secretariat/policies/Student-Academic-Misconduct-(70).pdf)

and the regulations and procedures are available here:

[https://www.ufv.ca/media/assets/office-of-integrity-and-appeals/Student-Academic-Misconduct-\(70\)_Regulations-and-Procedures.pdf](https://www.ufv.ca/media/assets/office-of-integrity-and-appeals/Student-Academic-Misconduct-(70)_Regulations-and-Procedures.pdf)

Along with the changes in the policy and its regulations and procedures, there are some additional process changes.

In general, these changes are visually represented in the two attached Student Academic Misconduct Procedures Flowcharts. The first, called WHATS NEW, is highlighted in yellow to show significant process

changes at a glance. The second is also available for reference on the Office of the Registrar /Academic Integrity website.

To facilitate the new processes, the Notice of Disciplinary Action for Academic Misconduct has been revised. It is now a 2-sided form and both sides should be printed. The new notice is attached for reference.

If there are questions about the revised policy and its associated procedures, or if you want to discuss a particular allegation, please contact Sumitra Robertson at sumitra.robertson@ufv.ca or local 4226.