

SENATE REGULATION 6: Student Conduct (Academic and Non-Academic) (October 2020 onwards)

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Partner institutions

18. Where learning opportunities are delivered to students under a partnership agreement with another organisation, any variations to the policies and/or procedures set out in this Regulation shall be identified in the relevant contract with and guidance to students.

Non-academic misconduct

19. Concerns that represent a potential or actual threat to the safety, security, good order, or reputation of the University, its members or members of the public, or to the maintenance of a safe environment conducive to study, research, living and working will normally be considered non-academic misconduct offences under this Regulation. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Failing to comply with the *Student Code of Conduct*, or with other University policies and regulations as set out in the *Terms and Conditions*;
- b. Breaking the law;
- c. Threatening or engaging in violence, harassment, bullying or abuse, either physically, verbally or by way of the Internet or social media;
- d. Sexual misconduct;
- e. The possession, use or supply of drugs (including the misuse of prescription drugs or legal highs), or weapons;
- f. Anti-social behaviour, including but not limited to anti-social behaviour as a result of intoxication through alcohol or drugs;
- g. Damaging or misappropriating property;
- h. Theft;
- i. Inappropriate use of IT equipment, the Internet or social media, including breaches of the *Brunel Acceptable Computer Use Policy*;
- j. Failing to disclose relevant criminal convictions in line with the *Policy on the Acceptance of Ex-Offenders*;
- k. Preventing or interfering with lawful freedom of speech or belief
- l. Bringing the University into disrepute;
- m. Obstructing or interfering with a member of the University;
- n. Obstructing or interfering with the good order, functioning or reputation of the University;
- o. Failing to comply with the terms of a temporary suspension and/or exclusion from the University;
- p. Failing to comply with a decision taken or penalty imposed under the Student Disciplinary Procedure and/or the Academic Misconduct Procedure;

20. The University will normally respond to concerns about student non-academic misconduct in accordance with the *Student Disciplinary Procedure*.

Academic misconduct

21. The following is a non-exhaustive list of conduct which where proven will normally constitute academic misconduct:

- a. **Plagiarism**, which is defined as the knowing or reckless presentation of another person's work or ideas as one's own, and includes the use of published or unpublished work without acknowledging the source;
- b. **Unpermitted recycling / re-using work**, which means submitting work for assessment which has previously been submitted, in whole or in part, for assessment at this or another institution, without explicitly acknowledging and referencing the assessment and qualification for which the material was previously submitted, and unless expressly permitted by the assessment brief.
- c. **Cheating**, which is defined as acting dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an academic advantage. This includes:
 - i. the falsification of information, data, evidence or experimental results; and/or
 - ii. cheating in examinations or other formal assessment, including possession of unauthorised material or technology during an examination and/or attempting to access unseen assessment materials in advance of an examination; and/or
 - iii. arranging for someone else to impersonate a student by sitting their examinations.
- d. **Collusion**, which is defined as aiding or attempting to aid another member of the University in order to gain an unfair academic advantage by
 - i. The unauthorised and/or unacknowledged collaboration of persons in a piece of assessed work, and/or;
 - ii. Allowing a piece of assessed work to be copied by another person or persons.

In both these instances, all persons involved are liable to be penalised.

- e. **Contract cheating**, which is defined as obtaining or purchasing work from another person or organisation and submitting it as one's own for assessment, where such third-party input / assistance is not permitted (such as the use of essay mills, buying work online [including code and/or games]) or paying someone else to conduct research for them or sit their examinations;
- f. **Research misconduct**, as defined in the [Research Integrity Code of Practice](#) (concerns about research misconduct should first be reported to the Registrar, who may refer a matter for consideration under this Regulation);

g. **Submitting fraudulent extenuating circumstances claims** or falsifying evidence in support of extenuating circumstances claims (this may also be considered non-academic misconduct as defined in paragraph 21 of the Student Disciplinary Procedure), including claims in support of academic appeals.

h. **Breaches** of any University rules, regulations, policies or procedures relating to academic activity or assessment, such as the *E*

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