Okanagan College Policy

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

4. Definitions

Academic Integrity	Means the commitment to and demonstration of honest and ethical behaviour in an academic setting. It is the performance of all academic work without cheating, plagiarizing, lying, stealing, inappropriately collaborating, falsifying information, or receiving unauthorized assistance from any other person, resubmitting work completed for other classes, or using any source of information not appropriately authorized or attributed.
Academic Misconduct	Means obtaining an academic advantage dishonestly through conduct such as cheating, fraud or plagiarism.
Balance of Probability	Means the standard of proof whereby an assessment is made as to whether a violation of the Policy is more likely than not to have occurred.
Interim Measure	Means actions or measures that may be imposed on a Student pending the outcome of a preliminary assessment or Investigation of Academic Integrity misconduct.
Instructor	Means College professor, vocational Instructor, or continuing education Instructor.
Investigation	Means the process of collecting and assessing information to determine if an allegation of Academic Misconduct has occurred.
Procedural Fairness	Means that the procedures used in an Investigation have been conducted in a fair and unbiased manner. A fair process includes all participants being notified, given the substance of the complaint, given an opportunity to

Sanctions Means disciplinary actions imposed on a Student who is found to have violated an O(en-9) BDC q84.624 331[(-)] TMW*nBT/F2 9a] TE 47n-Brm3(c)4(at)5(65 351197

respond, and having the decision made by an impartial decision-maker.

- 5.3 The College uses the principles of Procedural Fairness when addressing allegations of Academic Misconduct. Allegations of Academic Integrity violations are managed and investigated in a fair and equitable manner, with determinations based on the Balance of Probabilities.
- 5.4 A Student constitute a defense against its application.

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- 5.5 A Student may be found to have breached this policy regardless of their intent.
- 5.6 While under Investigation for violation of the Academic Integrity policy, a Student may continue to register and enroll in academic courses but will not receive a credential until a final decision regarding the Integrity matter has been made.
- 5.7 If a Student fails a pre-requisite course due to Academic Misconduct, they may be removed from a subsequent course that requires the pre-requisite.
- 5.8 As an Interim Measure, Students involved in an Academic Integrity violation Investigation may be prevented from continuing to a practicum course or work-term.
- 5.9 If the outcome of the Investigation is pending at the time grades must be submitted, the College will assign a Standing Deferred (SD) grade until a decision is made on the matter.
- 5.10 A Student Academic Misconduct allegation, nor the implementation of a sanction of an Academic Integrity violation.
- 5.11 A College response imposed for a breach of this policy will not qualify as grounds for a tuition refund for the course in which the violation occurred.
- 6. Academic Integrity Violations
 - 6.1 Academic Integrity violations covered by this policy can take several forms. While the following list of examples characterizes the most common instances of Integrity violations, the list is not