

Student Conduct Rules – Student Information Faculty of Education

Overview

In line with UOW's commitment to academic integrity, new rules related to student conduct became effective on 1 January 2008. Relevant information about general and academic misconduct may be found by following links in the Policy Directory to the [Student Conduct Rules](#) – see <http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generaluniversityrules/UOW028668.html>

Academic Misconduct

One aspect of these rules is concerned with academic misconduct, or breaching the rules related to academic work. To help avoid this situation, you should become familiar with information that will support you – the following links provide information about acknowledging sources:

- Acknowledgement Practice / Plagiarism Policy:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/plagiarism.html>
- Learning Development Online Study Resource – Plagiarism and 'Turnitin':
www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ld/students/UOW021315.html
- Learning Development Language and Academic Skills Workshops:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ld/students/UOW021308.html>
- Information Literacies Introductory Program:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/attributes/ilip/>
- Library How-To Guide on Referencing and Citing:
www.library.uow.edu.au/resourcesbytopic/UOW026621.html
- UniLearning website:
<http://unilearning.uow.edu.au/>
- Dive In to Education
<http://edserver1.uow.edu.au/DiveInEduc/>

Activities that are considered academic misconduct are outlined in [Table 5.1](#) of the [Procedure for Managing Alleged Academic Misconduct by a Student Undertaking Coursework](#) – see <http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalrules/ProceduresForManagingCourseworkMisconduct.pdf> . This document also contains information about the process involved in an academic misconduct investigation.

If an allegation of misconduct is made against you:

- Talk with your Subject Co-ordinator or the person who is investigating the allegation.
- Make sure you understand the allegation and that you understand the process as well as the options that are available to you.
- Continue with your normal academic work while the matter is investigated – you may be disadvantaged if you don't do this.

If you are asked to attend a misconduct investigation meeting:

- You may bring a support person of your choice with you. This person may provide you with advice and may address the committee in a summary statement only.

- Prior to the meeting, you may provide a written statement of how you wish to answer the allegation and you may include any relevant supporting documentation (eg. counselling reports, etc.).
- If you do not attend, the matter will be determined in your absence and you will be notified of the outcome.

If you don't agree with the outcome of a misconduct investigation:

- You may appeal the outcome, as long as your appeal is based on lack of natural justice or due process, or if there is new evidence that has not previously been considered.
- The process for lodging your appeal is outlined in the procedures accompanying the Student Conduct Rules.
- An appeal against a decision made by a Subject Co-ordinator, Primary Investigation Officer or the Faculty Investigation Committee must be made within ten (10) working days of notification of the decision.
- An appeal against a decision made by a Student Conduct Committee must be made within twenty (20) working days of notification of the decision.
- If you are dissatisfied with the outcome or conduct of an appeal, you may take your appeal to an external agency. You have the right to make a complaint to the NSW Ombudsman when there is evidence of maladministration or misconduct by the University of Wollongong.

General Misconduct

Activities that may be considered general misconduct are outlined in [Table 5.1](#) of the [Procedure for Managing Alleged General Misconduct by a Student](#) – see <http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalrules/ProceduresForManagingGeneralMisconduct.pdf>. This document also outlines information about the process involved in conducting a general misconduct investigation.

General misconduct may involve breaches to rules related to:

- Library misconduct.
- Misconduct in University Residence.
- IT misconduct.
- Other misconduct involving UOW by-laws, rules, policies, codes or resolutions.

Information about acceptable and unacceptable general conduct may be found in a range of policies and practices including:

- [Campus Access & Order Rules](http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalrules/campus_access_order.html) http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalrules/campus_access_order.html
- [IT Acceptable Use Policy](#) and associated IT policies <http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@its/documents/doc/uow002319.pdf>
- [Code of Conduct – Library](#) <http://www.library.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@lib/documents/doc/uow026916.pdf>
- [Code of Practice – Practical Placements](#) http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/cop_pracplace.html
- [Code of Practice – Students](#) http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/cop_students.html
- [Halls of Residence Handbooks](#) <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/>

Allegations of general misconduct are handled by staff members outside the Faculty of Education. The process for investigation of an allegation is similar to that outlined for academic misconduct although the penalties vary considerably. Students are also able to appeal at each stage of the process only if the appeal is based on lack of natural justice or due process, or if there is new evidence that has not been considered previously.