

Academic Misconduct Panel penalties

Penalties where the candidate *has not* previously been considered by a Panel

1. The Panel has discretion to apply one of the following penalties, where the candidate has not previously been considered by the Panel (referral to an Academic Practice Workshop for a developmental First Case of collusion/plagiarism does not constitute being considered by a Panel):
 - (i) No penalty may exceptionally be agreed. This penalty is not available for a breach of exam procedures.
 - (ii) Reduce the mark for the assessment by 10% percentage points (not 10% of the mark). This penalty should normally be applied for Minor cases where the Panel confirm that the extent of the academic misconduct is relatively limited.
 - (iii) Confirm the mark of 0 for the assessment component. This penalty should normally be applied for Major cases where the Panel confirm that the extent of the academic misconduct is not limited. This penalty may also be applied by a Panel for a candidate with a case of Minor misconduct, where they have been considered by the Panel previously.
 - (iv) The penalties listed below may also be applied, provided all Panel members agree.

Penalties where the candidate *has* previously been considered by a Panel

2. The penalties below may be applied singly or in combination where the Panel has previously considered a candidate:
 - (i) The Panel may also apply one of the above penalties for a candidate who has been considered by the Panel previously.
 - (ii) No penalty may exceptionally be agreed. This penalty is not available for a breach of exam procedures.
 - (iii) Reduce the mark for the module to 0. The student will normally be given a resit of the module by the PAB.
 - (iv) Reduction of the grand mean for the course by up to 10 percentage points. The value must be specified by the Panel. This penalty may be applied by more than one Panel resulting in a reduction greater than 10 percentage points overall. This penalty is not available for first year undergraduates.
 - (v) Reduce the classification by one or more class. This penalty is not available for first year undergraduates.
 - (vi) Disqualify from the University for a period of at least 3 years.

Notes

3. In cases where the Panel agree that misconduct has not occurred, the outcome will be 'no case to answer'.
4. A record of the academic misconduct decision and penalty will be held on the student record.
5. Exceptional Circumstances may not be taken into consideration.
6. Loss of credit and consequent failure to progress or to qualify for an award may result in the student being given a resit by the PAB. In the case of undergraduate finalists on some courses where no resit opportunity exists, the reduction of a mark to 0 with no possibility of condoned credit being granted will result in the student being precluded from receiving a classified honours degree.
7. Loss of credit cannot be readdressed by granting condoned credit where a fail is the result of applying the misconduct penalty. However, a resit opportunity may be given by the PAB where the module has been failed.
8. The Panel may refer any cases to the Student Discipline Committee for consideration in addition to conducting the academic misconduct procedure.