



## **Report on Academic Integrity Policies**

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A summary of academic offences (setting out the nature of each offence and the penalty) will be prepared by the Associate Dean and Dean of Graduate Studies annually, published on an Academic Integrity website, and circulated to Senate each year for information.

### **Graduate Academic Integrity Policy**

Senate approved a new Academic Integrity Policy for graduate students in April 2009. Prior to the approval of the new policy, graduate and undergraduate students were subject to the same policy. The new policy is found in the calendar supplement and online at [www.trentu.ca/graduatestudies/forms.php](http://www.trentu.ca/graduatestudies/forms.php). Under the policy there is only one penalty for violations of academic integrity by graduate students – withdrawal from the program.

In 2010-11 there was one case processed under the new policy. This case was taken to an appeal committee. The student withdrew from the program.

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### **Undergraduate Academic Integrity Policy**

In May of 2009 Senate enacted the current Academic Integrity policy to be administered by the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Studies) with a requirement that a report on the actions taken under the policy be provided annually. The Undergraduate Academic Integrity website ([www.trentu.ca/academicintegrity](http://www.trentu.ca/academicintegrity)) provides information on the policy, the process that is followed if academic dishonesty is found, and links to several sources of support for students and course instructors.

Table 1 below summarizes the 2010-11 academic dishonesty offences by department, separated into the two major categories of offence – copying/cheating and plagiarism. Not included is one UOIT student (ENGL - plagiarism, major offence) and two students who submitted false documentation to the Registrar's Office (one was suspended).

Students have several levels of appeal open to them. First, they can appeal to the Chair of the department, although it is not known how many students take up this option. The second level of appeal is to the Assoc. Dean following the decision by the Chair. In 2010-11, there were 20 such appeals (17 in 2009-10), two resulted in reductions to the penalty, the remainder were denied. Two students appealed the Associate Dean's decision to the Special Appeals Committee and were subsequently denied. The policy stipulates that, when there is more than one offence on record and, depending on the

category of offence, the penalty is a period of suspension. In 2010-11, five students were suspended for periods of one term to one year (five in 2009-10).

Table 1. Summary of Academic Integrity Offences from Sept. 1, 2010 – Aug. 30, 2011

<b>Dept</b>	<b>Copying/ Cheating Major</b>	<b>Copying/ Cheating Minor</b>	<b>Plagiarism Major</b>	<b>Plagiarism Minor</b>	<b>Total 2010-11</b>	<b>Total 2009-10</b>
ADMN		1		2	3	3
AHCL		1		2	3	1
ANTH						4
CAST						2
CHEM		2			2	8
CUST				4	4	2
EDUC						1
ECON	1	5		3	9	
ENGL			5	2	7	12
FRSC		2			2	
GEOG				1	1	1
HIST		2	5	7	14	15
IDST						1
MATH		1		2	3	12
MLL						1
NURS		13	1	4	18	16
PHIL			1	3	4	1
PHYS		1			1	2
POST				3	3	
PSYC		2	5	6	13	15
SOCI				3	3	6
UNIV 1001H		2	1	3	6	1
WMST			1	3	4	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>

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