

A GUIDE TO STUDENT INTEGRITY & MISCONDUCT



Student Help
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WHAT IS STUDENT MISCONDUCT?

Student misconduct refers to student behaviour that is inconsistent with UQ principles and standards, as described in university policy and the Student Charter.

To read the Student Charter go to

<http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.60.01-student-charter>

There are three (3) levels of misconduct and these determine who the decision makers are –

- Level 1 – the relevant Head of School, the Deputy Head of School or the Institute Director
- Level 2 – the relevant Executive Dean or the Dean of the Graduate School
- Level 3 – the Disciplinary Board

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT includes student conduct that –

- hinders the pursuit of academic excellence; includes cheating, collusion and plagiarism;
- seeks to gain for himself or herself, or for any other person, any academic advantage or advancement through the improper use of University facilities, information or the intellectual property of others

For the full list of matters relating to academic misconduct –

<http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.60.04-student-integrity-and-misconduct>

GENERAL MISCONDUCT is student conduct that impairs the reasonable freedom of others to pursue their studies, research, duties and other lawful activities in the University, or amounts to improper use of University facilities or information or improper use of the property of others at the University.

Some examples of general misconduct are:

- Engaging in unlawful or criminal activity on University land or sites;
- Harassing, vilifying, bullying, abusing, threatening, assaulting or endangering staff, students or other members of the University's community directly or by other means of communication; including sexual misconduct.

For the full list of matters relating to general misconduct –

<https://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.60.04-student-integrity-and-misconduct>

HOW TO HANDLE AN ALLEGATION OF STUDENT MISCONDUCT

If you receive an allegation of student misconduct:

1. All allegations of Academic or General Misconduct are communicated by UQ via email. If you receive an allegation of student misconduct:
 - details of the allegation(s) against you
 - the date when a hearing/interview will be held to hear your case
 - a date for your response to the allegation (i.e. I admit / Do Not Admit)
2. Before taking any action, it is recommended that students seek the support of a SHOC Education & Equity advocate by making a Student Misconduct appointment.

TIP: Don't panic! SHOC can help you draft a letter to defend yourself and seek the best possible outcome. Book your appointment at www.shocuqu.com.au

3. After seeking SHOC advice, respond to the allegation by the due date.

TIP: The due date is listed in your original email. Remember to attach that email and all relevant information when you respond.

4. Attend your hearing. You may be accompanied by a support person.

TIP: Be on time. Dress appropriately in smart casual clothes.

Please note: your support person must not be legally qualified, in accordance with UQ Student Integrity & Misconduct policy (8.5.2).

Where a matter is taken to the Senate Discipline Appeals Committee, UQ has the discretion to allow you to be accompanied by a legally qualified support person.

[Definition: Legally qualified - a person who holds a degree or formal training in law (e.g. LLB or JD equivalent) and/ or a person admitted or qualified to be an Australian lawyer as defined by the relevant legislation.]