

The Academic Wellness ProjectScript - Video 5

Penalties for Academic Misconduct

Narrator: Meet Róngyù, a fourth year student who is volunteering as a Course Representative.

Róngyù: (confident) Hello there fellow students, after watching the Academic Conduct Module's videos, let us summarise the penalties for academic misconduct. While all forms of academic misconduct violate the University's academic standards, the consequences depend on the severity and extent of the breach.

Róngyù: (stern) Violations of the Academic Conduct Policy and Procedures may lead to penalties. They can be imposed as individual or combined violations.

Róngyù: Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Written Warnings or reprimands

2. Remedial Education Activity

Completion of a remedial education activity, such as an educational workshop or an academic honesty assignment.

3. Work Resubmission of your Work

Resubmission of the piece of academic work in which the violation was committed, for evaluation with or without a grade sanction

4. Make-up Assignment

Completion of a make-up assignment or other form of assessment

5. Failed Grade

A lowered or failed grade (including a grade of zero or a failing grade) on the academic work in question

6. Lowered Grade in the course

7. Course Failure (Failure of the course with permanent grade of record)

8. Grade of Record

A permanent grade of record where the grade assigned shall remain as the one grade of record for the course even if the course is repeated; this can be added to any other sanction

9. Suspension

10. Expulsion

11. Withholding of Degree

Róngyù: There are also considerations made by the University while determining the penalties for academic misconduct.

The numbered points appear on the screen as Róngyù lists them.

Róngyù:

1. whether it is a first or *subsequent* offence;
 2. the relative weight of the assignment in question;
 3. student's academic experience;
 4. the severity of the conduct;
 5. whether the student has accepted responsibility for the conduct;
 6. the extent to which the integrity of the student evaluation process was impaired;
 7. the extent of the harm caused to the University, one or more of its members, and/or third parties;
 8. whether the student is at the undergraduate or graduate level
- academic misconduct by a graduate student will generally result in more severe consequences than for undergraduate students;
9. extenuating circumstances or aggravating factors that may help explain the action taken by a student.

Róngyù: (optimistic but firm) And remember, there are many resources provided by the University to help you in your academic journey!

End of scene.

Narrator: Breaches against York University's Academic Conduct Policy and Procedures include but are not limited to the following: Cheating, Plagiarism, Misrepresentation of Personal Identity or Performance, Fraudulent conduct, Research misconduct, and other violations of specific departmental or course requirements.

Narrator: There are many resources available to support and aid students in their academic wellness journey. Students in the Faculty of Health are encouraged to connect with the [Office of Student and Academic Services](#). Academic advisors can help you understand your degree requirements and track your academic progress. In addition, Calumet and Stong Colleges' [Student Success Programs](#) offer personalized academic support through Peer Tutoring, Peer Mentoring, Peer-Assisted Study Sessions, and Course Representative check-ins. These services are designed to help you stay engaged and confident in your learning journey.

Narrator: To build strong academic habits, develop the skills needed for success in courses, and avoid issues related to academic misconduct, students can take advantage of workshops, self-guided modules, and one-on-one assistance through [York University Libraries](#) and the [Learning Commons](#). These resources provide support in areas such as information literacy, citation skills, academic integrity, time management, and exam preparation.

Narrator: Students facing mental health challenges can get support through York University's Student Counselling, Health and Well-being and Calumet and Stong Colleges' Health and Wellness Program – Where students can access mental health counselling, workshops, and opportunities to connect with peers through community-based events and creative wellness activities.

Narrator: For additional details on academic honesty, policy, procedures, regulations, and resources at York University please visit:

www.yorku.ca/unit/vpacad/academic-integrity

www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies

www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/policies/academic-conduct-policy-and-procedures

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