

APPENDIX V: DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The level of academic misconduct is calculated by scoring four categories: C1 Types of Violations (see Appendix III), C2 Stage, C3 Assessment Weighting, and C4 Prior Breaches. For each of the categories, points are allocated based on the tables below. An overall score is achieved by adding together the individual points.

The overall score determines what level of infringement has occurred as follows:

Level 1 Minor Infringement: Overall score between 0 and 200

Level 2 Moderate Infringement: Overall score between 201 and 499

Level 3 Major Infringement: Overall score 500 and higher

As per Appendix VI this will determine the penalties that may be imposed at a local level if a case is upheld.

C1 Types of Violations	
Basic violations	25
Limited plagiarism	50
Extensive plagiarism	100
Collusion	100
Falsification / fabrication	150
Fraud / impersonation	500
Contract cheating	400

C3 Assessment weighting	
< 25%	20
26 - 50%	50
51 - 100%	100
Additional points allocated in cases referring to:	
Group project	150
Final year project	100

*See Appendix IV

C2 Stage	
Year 1	25
Year 2	50
Year 3 or 4 (not final)	100
Final Year (Undergraduate)	150
Masters year 1	170
Masters year 2+	200

C4 Prior breaches	
None	0
1 prior - L1	20
1 prior - L2	50
1 prior - L3	100
2 prior - L1	50
2 prior - L2	100
2 prior - L3	200
3+ prior (any)	300
Prior UDC upheld	500
<i>In cases where prior breaches have not been at the same level, the higher of the two levels is taken into consideration i.e. a student with a previous L1 and L2 breach would be allocated 100 points</i>	