KPU Academic Integrity Policies & Procedures

KPU strives for a balanced, holistic, and educative approach to Academic Integrity with a focus on:

Awareness Prevention Resolution



Rights & Responsibilities

Students

- Avoid breaches
- Meet policy standards
- Clarify expectations with KPU and each course instructor
- Receive a fair procedural process for alleged breaches
- Have one support person present during formal process (optional) *Support person cannot advocate on behalf of the student

University

- Provide Academic Integrity resources
- Ensure students meet policy standards
- Inform students on course specific requirements and assessments
- Conduct a fair procedural process & implement resolutions
- Evaluate, investigate, and resolve suspected breaches



Breaches

A breach could be considered, but not limited to, one the following:

- Cheating
- Deception
- Fabrication
- Falsification
- Plagiarism
- Self Plagiarism
- × Forgery
- × Collusion
- X Unauthorized Collaboration
- X Copyright Infringement
- Contract Cheating
- *Unauthorized Use of Generative AI

Informal Resolution



This option may be considered by the instructor as an educative approach. The instructor will communicate directly with the student.

- Student must admit to the breach
- Student must agree to the resolutions, otherwise formal process follows
- Restorative justice may be considered
- No grade penalty as the breach resolution

Formal Process



Written Report

Submitted by instructor typically within ~3 weeks of the alleged breach *(I) grade will be issued if the investigation has not concluded prior to term grade submission deadline

Investigation

Typically within ~2 weeks of KPU receiving the report, the student will be:

- Notified of investigation commencement
- Provided with information about the alleged breach
- Offered a meeting with the KPU representative

Decision

Typically within ~3 weeks of the investigation completion, the student may be sent a decision letter. If the investigation concludes a breach has occured, KPU will consider the following:

- Severity
- Isolated incident
- Impact
- Intent
- Nature
- Responsibility accepted

Resolution

Resolution could results in any or a combination of the following:

- Grade penalty
- Reflection paper
- Course failure
- University suspension
- Apology letter
- Restorative justice
- Other

For more information visit KPU's Academic Integrity page.