Here are some case studies to help you understand how we view academic misconduct offences.

• We would view a first offence of academic misconduct, such as plagiarism, self-plagiarism or collusion etc, at the beginning of your academic journey as minor. If limited to a single module it is likely that you would fail the assessment concerned, with a right to be reassessed should an opportunity exist. If there is evidence that you committed academic misconduct on purpose, it is likely that you would fail the module concerned with a right to be reassessed should an opportunity exist.

• We would view a first offence of academic misconduct, such as plagiarism, self-plagiarism or collusion etc, at the beginning of your academic journey as minor. If widespread across multiple modules, it is likely that you would fail the modules in question, with a right to be reassessed should an opportunity exist.

• We would view a second offence of academic misconduct, such as plagiarism, self-plagiarism or collusion etc, towards the completion of or part-way through your academic journey as major. It is likely that this would result in failure of the level. All of your marks would be wiped clean and you would re-start the level at the next opportunity, it is likely that this would be at beginning of the following academic year.

• We would view a second or third offence as serious. It is likely that this would result in your failure of the course and/or termination of your studies at the University. Your ability to reapply and enrol again at the university may also be restricted, normally for two whole academic years.

• We would view any instance of contracting cheating as serious and it would likely result in you failing your course and/or the termination of your studies at the University. If this is at the beginning of your academic journey, it is unlikely that any restrictions would be placed on your ability to reapply and enrol again at the university.

• We would view any instance of impersonation as serious and it would likely result in you failing your course and/or the termination of your studies at the University. If this is at the beginning of your academic journey, it is unlikely that any restrictions would be placed on your ability to reapply and enrol again at the university. We may also report the matter to the Police because impersonation is a type of fraud.