

The Presidential Committee for Review of the Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures is currently still engaged in its review process. In the meantime, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities should deal with academic dishonesty in the following ways.

There are two ways you can approach academic dishonesty: 1) through the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures approved by Senate and the Board of Governors; and 2) through an imposition of a penalty that does not involve the Code of Student Behaviour.

1. If you wish to sanction a student by awarding a grade of zero for the assignment/work in question or by awarding a grade of zero for the course, you must go through the process outlined in the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures. More on that below, but the key issue here is that a professor cannot impose that penalty—rather, he or she must make a complaint to a judicial officer, which in cases of academic dishonesty would normally be the Dean, and provide the judicial officer with evidence of the dishonesty. The sanction is imposed by the Judicial Officer. That process affords students the opportunity to be heard, and also to appeal.

2. If you wish to impose a lesser penalty, because you think the dishonesty was unintentional, or was the result of a lack of sufficient understanding about how to use secondary sources, you can do that yourself. I would encourage faculty to use that as an opportunity to educate the student on the seriousness of academic dishonesty as well as on how to use secondary sources appropriately. If the penalty you decide to impose has some impact on the student's final grade (for example, if you have deducted marks, or have invited a student to resubmit the assignment to be marked out of a percentage of its original value, then the student has an opportunity to appeal the penalty through the mark reappraisal process outlined in the [Senate Policy Regarding Academic Appeals](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/policies/regulations/reappraisal-and-academic-appeals) at <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/policies/regulations/reappraisal-and-academic-appeals>.

For more information on Academic Dishonesty, please see the [Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/policies/student-related/code-of-student-behaviour-and-disciplinary-procedures) at <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/policies/student-related/code-of-student-behaviour-and-disciplinary-procedures>.