

UEA Penalty guidelines: Breaches of Regulation 18 (plagiarism or collusion)

For a first offence under Regulation 18 (but not involving the purchase of assessed work)	
Penalties	Mitigating and aggravating factors that affect the starting point can include:
For a first offence of sufficient severity to merit referral to Disciplinary Panel, the normal starting point penalty will be temporary Suspension from Study and University Property and Services for up to one semester and a mark of zero in the relevant assessment component. Where there are mitigating factors and the Panel considers that the starting point is too severe, or when the mark of zero would have the consequence of the student being withdrawn from the University for academic failure (e.g. on a core module) and the Panel considers this excessive, the Panel may impose another Penalty or suspend the application of a suspension. Where there are aggravating factors and the Panel considers that the starting point is insufficiently severe, the Panel should consider whether a longer period of suspension is appropriate or whether expulsion from the University is appropriate.	Mitigating: • Your experience is limited (you are in your first semester of a higher education course in the UK) • There is no evidence that other Regulations have been breached by you • You accepted your guilt early and have shown remorse • You are suffering from an illness or other medical condition affecting your judgement or exacerbating the effect of any penalty imposed • At the time you were experiencing family or relationship problems affecting your judgment • You have felt under duress Aggravating: • You intended to cheat • You are not in your first semester of a higher education course in the UK • You have not accepted guilt or shown remorse, or such acceptance/remorse came late in the process • There is evidence that you have breached other Regulations
For a second offence under Regulation 18 (but not involving the purchase of assessed work)	
Penalties	Mitigating and aggravating factors that affect the starting point can include:
For a second offence of sufficient severity to merit referral to SSDC, the normal starting point penalty will be temporary Suspension from Study and University Property and Services for up to two semesters and a mark	Mitigating: • There is no evidence that other Regulations have been breached by you • You accepted your guilt early and have

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of zero in the relevant assessment component. Where there are mitigating factors and the Panel considers that the starting point is too severe, or when the mark of zero would have the consequence of the student being withdrawn from the University for academic failure (e.g. on a core module) and the Panel considers this excessive, the Panel may impose another Penalty or suspend the application of a suspension. Where there are aggravating factors and the Panel considers that the starting point is insufficiently severe, the Panel should consider whether expulsion from the University is appropriate.	shown remorse - You are suffering from an illness or other medical condition affecting your judgment or exacerbating the effect of any penalty imposed - You were experiencing family or relationship problems affecting your judgment - You have felt under duress Aggravating: - You intended to cheat - You are not in your first semester of a higher education course in the UK - You have not accepted guilt or shown remorse, or such acceptance/remorse came late in the process - There is evidence that you have breached other Regulations - The fact of a previous offence under Regulation 18 is not a mitigating or aggravating factor as it creates the starting point.
For a third offence under Regulation 18 <u>or</u> where the offence involves the purchase or commission of assessed work	
Penalties	Mitigating and aggravating factors that affect the starting point can include:
For a third offence of sufficient severity to merit referral to SSDC, or for the purchase or commission of assessed work, the normal starting point penalty will be expulsion from the University and a mark of zero in the relevant assessment component. Where there are mitigating factors and the Panel considers that the starting point is too severe, the Panel may impose another Penalty or suspend the application of expulsion. However, where the offence involves the purchase of assessed work, mitigation would not normally reduce the penalty below the starting point of expulsion.	Mitigating: - There is no evidence that other Regulations have been breached by you - You accepted your guilt early and have shown remorse - You are suffering from an illness or other medical condition affecting your judgment or exacerbating the effect of any penalty imposed - You were experiencing family or relationship problems affecting your judgment - You have felt under duress - Experience of student is limited (purchased work only: if the student is in

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this category because they have committed a third offence, they are to be considered an experienced student).

Aggravating:

- You intended to cheat
- You are not in your first semester of a higher education course in the UK
- You have not accepted guilt or shown remorse, or such acceptance/remorse came late in the process
- There is evidence that you have breached other Regulations