

Academic Ombud Services Statistical Report  
Kaveh Tagavi 2020/21

All Matters

	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	
Number of Cases	377	248	377	393	455	
Number of Questions or Referrals	1845	2454	2239	2594	2324	
	2222	2702	2616	2987	2779	Total

Types of Cases	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	
Non-Academic Offense Issues	199	248	204	253	320	
Academic Offense Determinations	178	106	173	140	135	
	377	354	377	393	455	Total

Description of Cases (not including Academic Offenses)		Classification of Source	
Attendance	5	Student	130
Exam/Class Requirements	17	Faculty	47
Grades	53	Staff	14
Instruction	13	Parent	6
Personal Problems	5	Other	2
Policies: Academic Offense Issues	26		199 Total
Policies: General	51		
Progress/Promotion	26		
Retroactive Withdrawals	3		
Speaker Requests	0		
	199	Total	

Description of Questions & Referrals		Classification of Source	
Attendance	62	Student	944
Exam/Class Requirements	92	Faculty	469
Grades	271	Staff	340
Instruction	113	Parent	51
Personal Problems	242	Other	41
Policies: Academic Offense Issues	299		1845 Total
Policies: General	549		
Progress/Promotion	189		
Retroactive Withdrawals	28		
	1845	Total	

## Determinations and Appeals of Academic Offenses

Academic Offense Determinations	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	
Cheating	83	50	58	54	54	
Plagiarism	95	56	115	86	81	
	178	106	173	140	135	Total
Contact with the Ombud						
No Contact	167	91	134	107	115	
Contacted, but did not appeal	3	9	15	21	10	
Contacted, case forwarded to UAB	8	6	24	12	10	
	178	106	173	140	135	Total
Classification of the Student	First/Minor	First/Major	Second	Third	Total	
Freshman	41	3			44	
Sophomore	32	4			36	
Junior	40	3	1		44	
Senior	37	4	3		44	
Graduate Student	5				5	
Professional Program	1				1	
Non-Degree	2	2			4	
	158	16	4		178	Total
Origin of Offense Determination						
Agriculture, Food and Environment			28			
Arts & Sciences			77			
Business & Economics			9			
Communication & Information			3			
Dentistry						
Design						
Education						
Engineering			34			
Fine Arts			1			
Health Sciences			4			
Law						
Martin School of Public Policy						
Medicine			1			
Nursing			1			
Patterson School of Diplomacy						
Pharmacy						
Public Health			20			
Social Work						
			178			Total

Summary of Cases Referred by the Ombud to the University Appeals Board

Total Number of Appeals	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	
Academic Offense Appeals	8	6	24	12	5	
Student Academic Rights	6	6	13	18	11	
Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Appeals (Suspension or Dismissal)	0	1	0	2	1	
	14	13	37	32	17	Total

Total Number of Appeals	
Academic Offense Appeals	8 (1 Upheld / 1 Partially Upheld / 5 Denied / 1 Withd)
Student Academic Rights	6 (1 Upheld / 4 Denied / 1 Uncontested)
Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals	0
Other Appeals (Suspension & Dismissal)	0
	14 Total

Academic Offense Appeals Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Withdrawn	Upheld	Denied	Total
Plagiarism: Appealed severity of sanction		1*	1	2
Plagiarism: Appealed determination	1		1	2
Plagiarism: Appealed severity and determination				
Cheating: Appealed severity of sanction				
Cheating: Appealed determination			3	3
Cheating: Appealed severity and determination		1		1
				8 Total

*\*partially upheld*

Allegation of Violation of Student Academic Rights Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Uncontested	Upheld	Denied	Total
Appeals referred and determined to have merit	n/a	1	1	2
Appeals referred and determined to lack merit	1		3	4
				6 Total

Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Upheld	Denied	Total
Appeal referred and determined to have merit	0	0	0
			0 Total

Appeal of Dismissal/Suspension Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Uncontested	Upheld	Denied	Total
Appeal referred and determined to lack merit	0	0	0	0
				0 Total