**Tariff of Penalties for Academic Misconduct (Research Degrees)**

**NB** The penalties are as contained in the regulations and are the only penalties which the regulations allow.

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| Pre-submission of thesis | | |
| 5.5.2 a) | Issue a formal warning - student is allowed to resubmit the work | The penalty may be implemented pre-submission of thesis for examination:  The offence is recorded[[1]](#footnote-1) on the student’s file. |
| 5.5.2 b) | 1. Expelled with credit – the student is allowed to retain credits already gained. In the case of professional doctorates where students are not permitted to resubmit their thesis, they may be permitted to exit with a lower award. | Student is expelled from the University. Student can retain any credit gained and use it to enrol at another institution. |
|  | 1. Expelled without credit – all existing credit is revoked; no further study at the University will be allowed. | Student is expelled from the University. Student cannot retain any credit gained or exit with an intermediate award. |
| Post-submission of thesis | | |
| 5.5.3 a) | The first submission of the thesis will be discounted. The student is allowed to resubmit their work for re-examination (at discretion of examiners) but only for a lower award. | The penalty may be implemented post-submission of the thesis for examination:  Exit with lower qualification. |
| 5.5.3 b) | 1. Expelled with credit – the student is allowed to retain credits already gained. In the case of professional doctorates where students are not permitted to resubmit their thesis, they may be permitted to exit with a lower award. | Student is expelled from the University. Student can retain any credit gained and may be permitted to exit with a lower award. |
|  | 1. Expelled without credit – all existing credit is revoked; no further study at the University will be allowed. | Student is expelled from the University. Student cannot retain any credit gained. |
| 5.5.3.c) | The University reserves the right to revoke an award if it is discovered that academic misconduct was committed in order to gain the award. | Student’s award is revoked. |

1. Offences are recorded at all stages and levels of severity. Failing to record offences will not allow the Chair of the Award Board or Assessment Infringement Committee to decide appropriate penalties in future cases. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)