

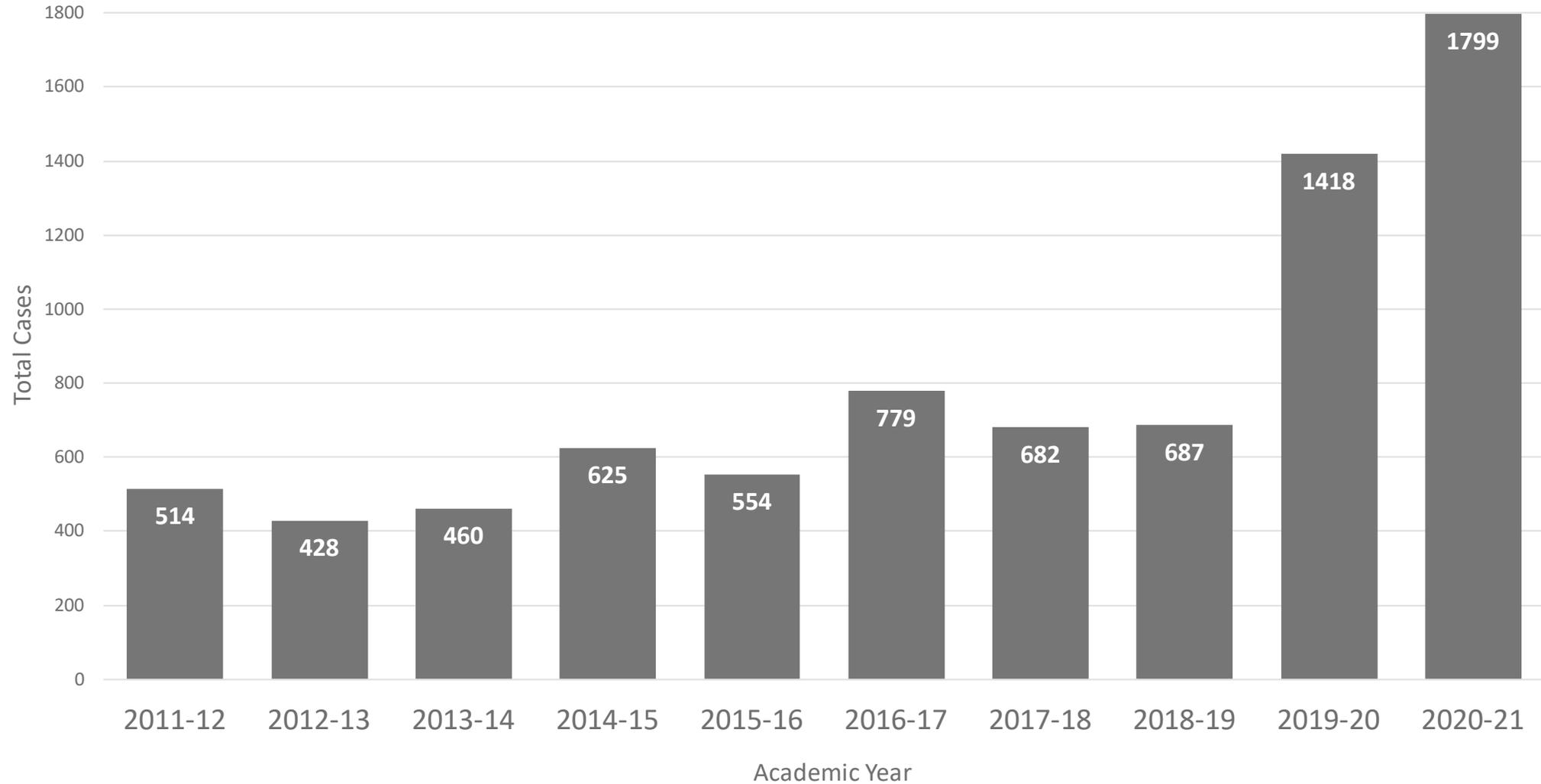
# Annual Report on Academic Integrity 2020-21

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting  
Academic Integrity Unit  
Monday, May 9, 2022



# Academic Integrity Data

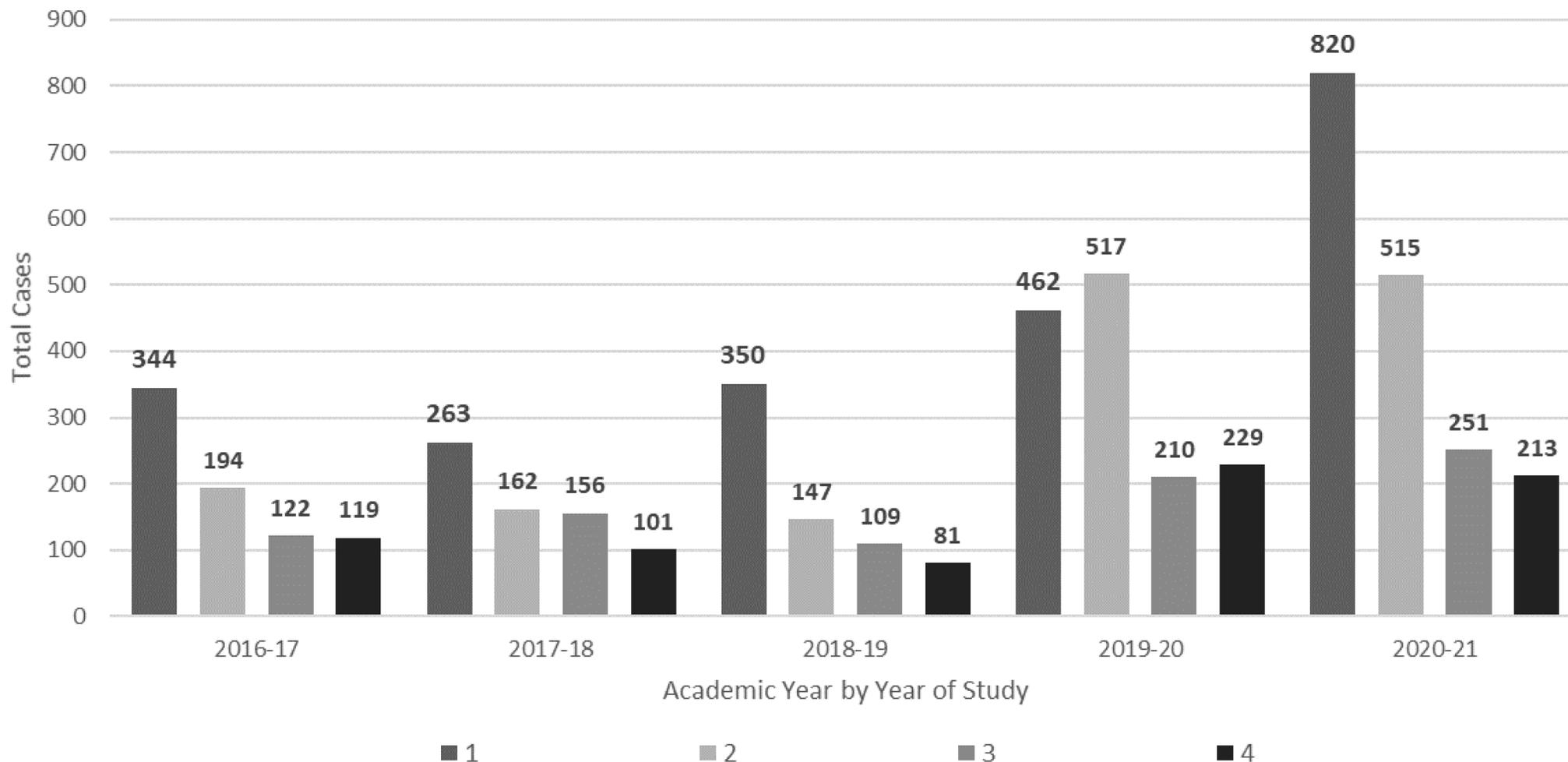
## Total Case Counts By Academic Year





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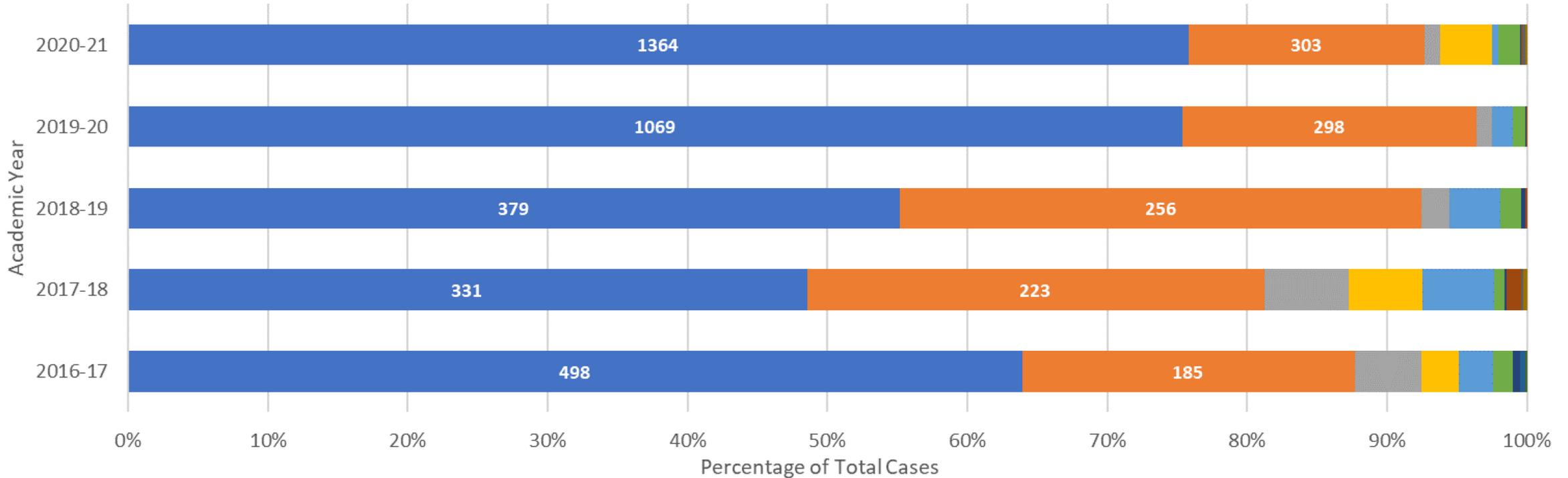
## Total Cases for 2020-21 by Year of Study





# Academic Integrity Data

## Types of Academic Offences By Academic Year

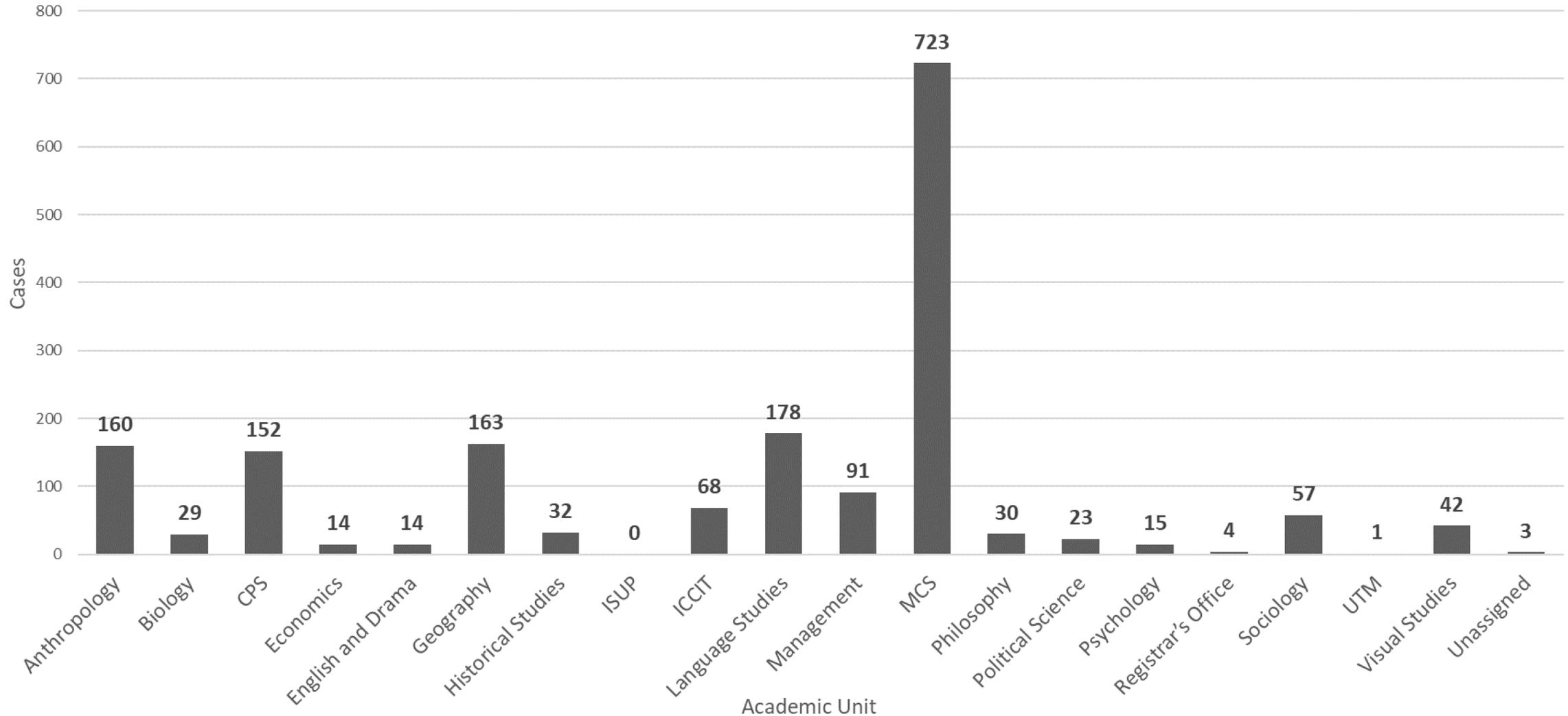


- Unauthorized aids or assistance on exams/term tests
- Academic dishonesty
- Forgery
- Concocted Sources
- Borrowed/bought/stolen papers
- Admission-related offences
- Plagiarism
- Undefined or dismissed
- Submitting same work for 2 courses
- Impersonation during exam/term test
- Resubmitting altered work for credit
- Misuse of university equipment



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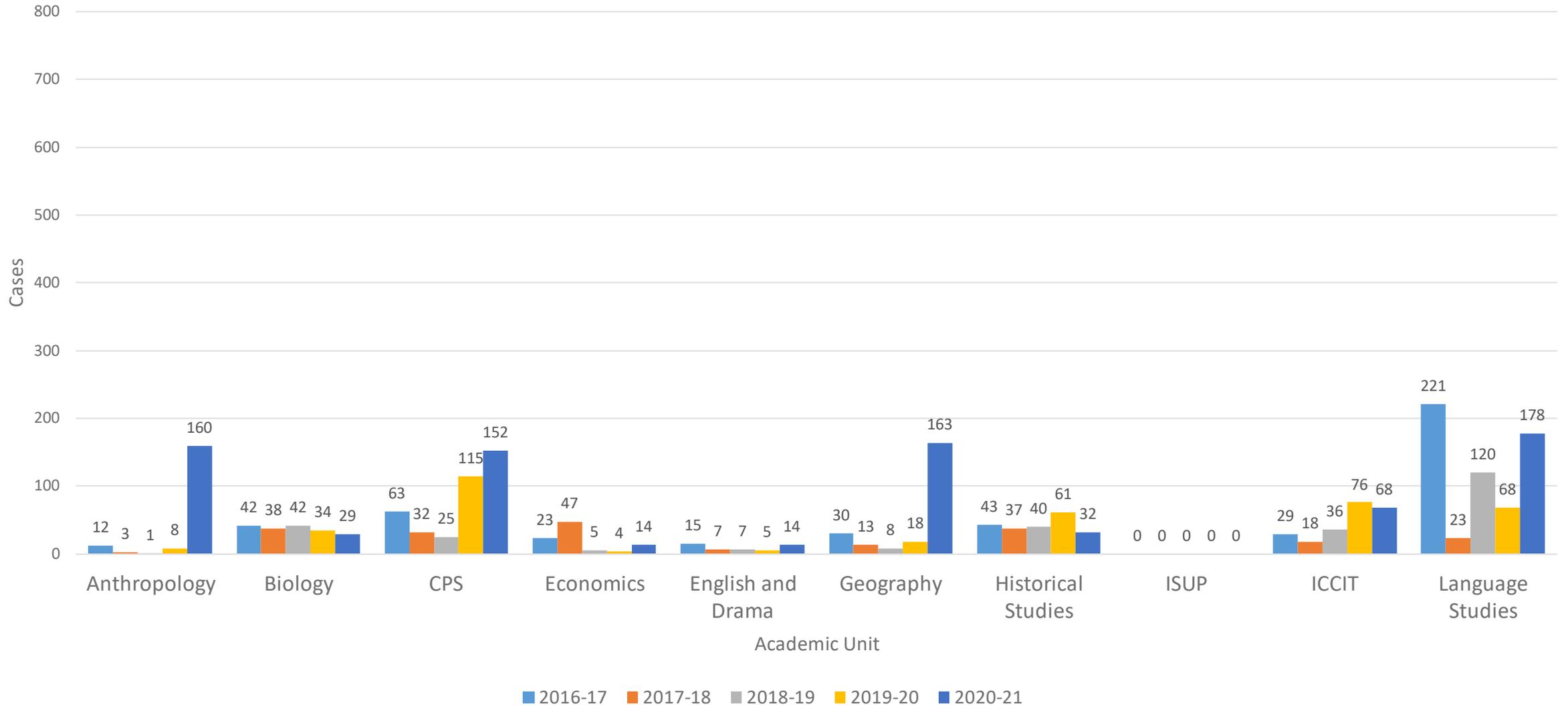
Total Cases By Unit By Academic Year (2020-21)





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## Total Cases By Unit By Academic Year (Part 1)

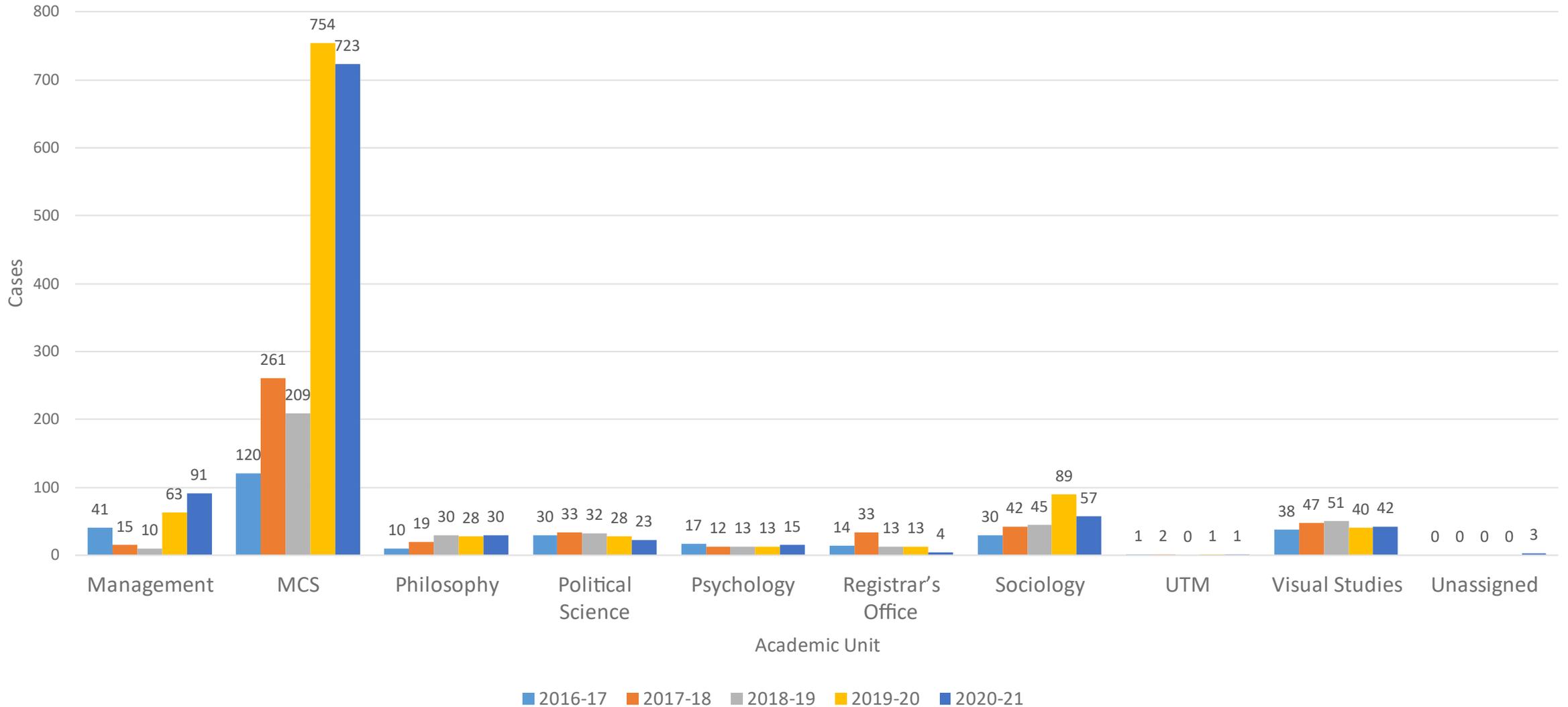


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# Academic Integrity Data

## Total Cases By Unit By Academic Year (Part 2)



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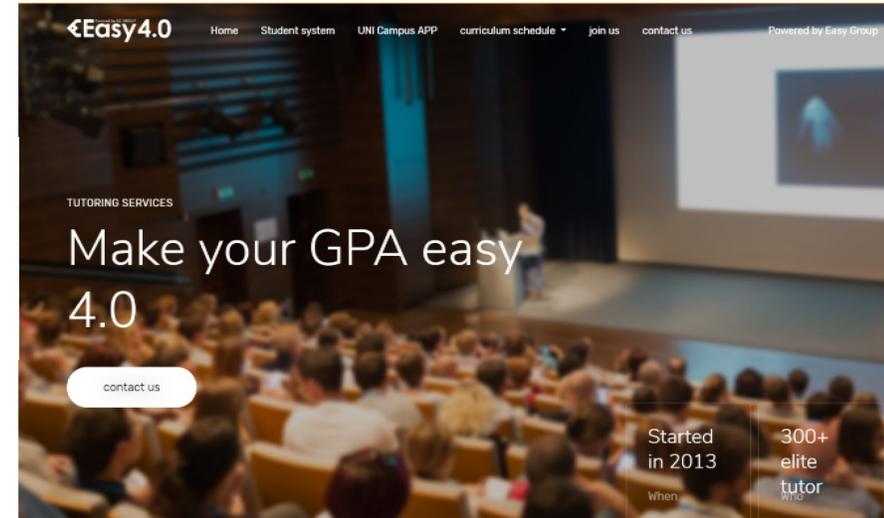


## Trends in Academic Integrity



### Chegg

- A subscription-based service that matches students with “tutors” who help them in a variety of subjects



### Tutoring Companies

- Aggressively targeting incoming international students

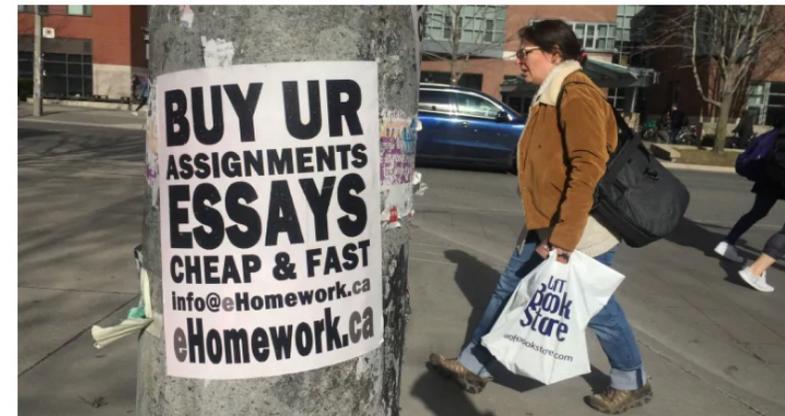
### Experts say 'predatory' essay writing firms are thriving, and there's no law to stop them



Nursing professors say a term paper purchased by CBC did not raise red flags



Nick Boisvert · CBC News · Posted: Apr 25, 2019 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: April 25



Flyers arrive at university and college campuses every semester offering students help with term papers - for a price. (Nick Boisvert/CBC)



### Essay Writing Services

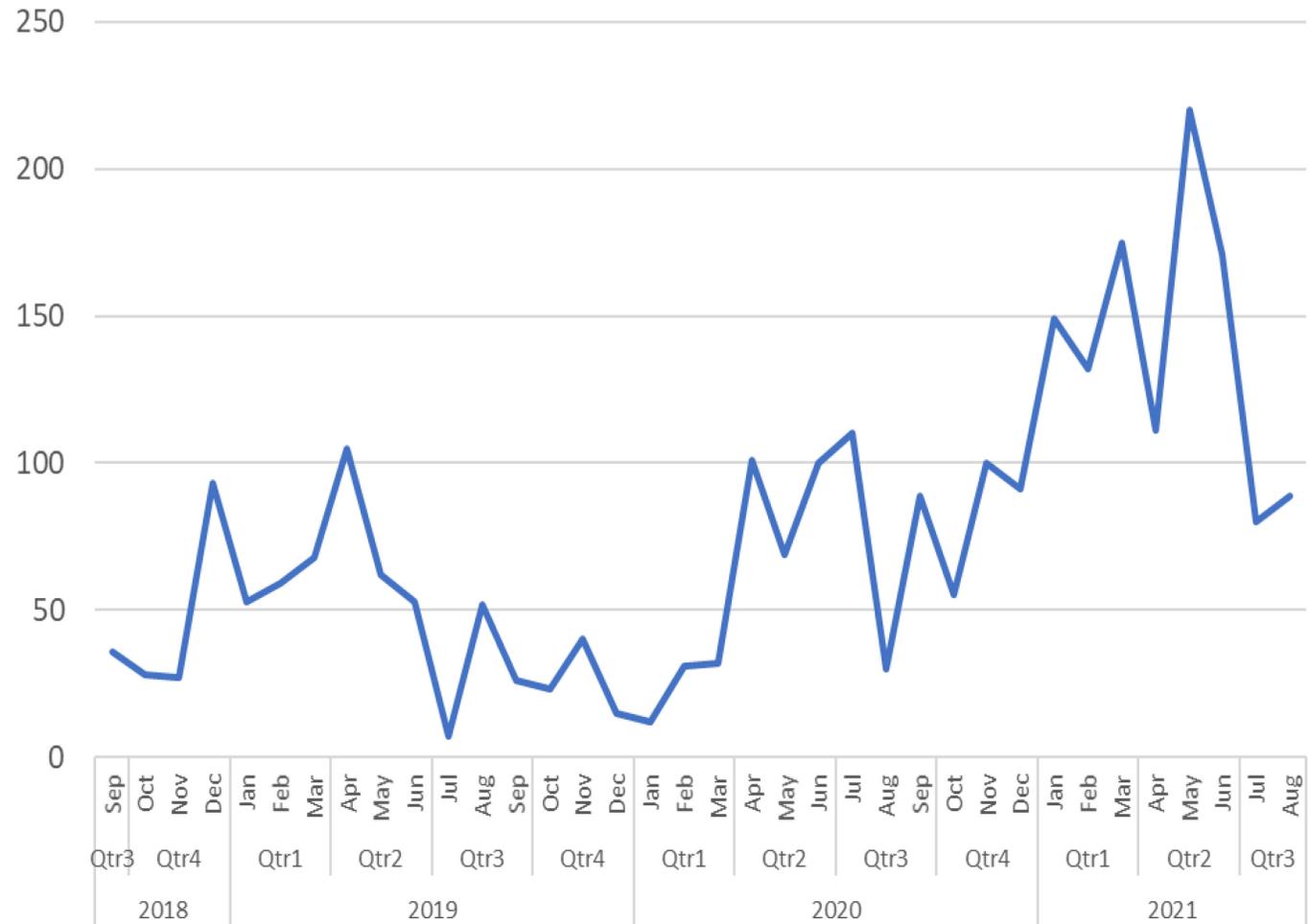
- Advertise that students can purchase essays that can go undetected by University faculty and plagiarism software



## AIU Productivity

- Increased number of Dean's Designates from 3 to 5 so that we can schedule more meetings with students and resolve cases in a timelier fashion
- Hired 2 additional Academic Integrity Assistants on a two-year term to address the increase in cases
- With these new personnel resources, the AIU has doubled its peak case resolution capacity
  - ✓ In May 2021, the AIU processed more than 200 cases
- AIU has closed 80% of cases submitted in the last five years (i.e., since 2016-17)
- Currently underway - Process improvement project

### Total Cases Processed by Month





## Communications & Outreach

- [Academic Integrity Kit](#) is available online to support faculty with managing academic integrity in in-person and virtual classrooms
- The AIU is actively collaborating with local post-secondary institutions on external funding proposals to develop reusable pedagogical assets about academic integrity
- The AIU has introduced several initiatives to increase student engagement on campus and cultivate a culture of academic integrity:
  - ✓ [AIU Student Ambassador](#) peer mentorship program
  - ✓ [Academic Integrity Newsletter](#)
  - ✓ Academic IntegriTEA discussion series
  - ✓ Tabling at UTM student events, including Head Start, Academic Advocacy Events, and Exam Jam
  - ✓ Presentations to academic units and student groups





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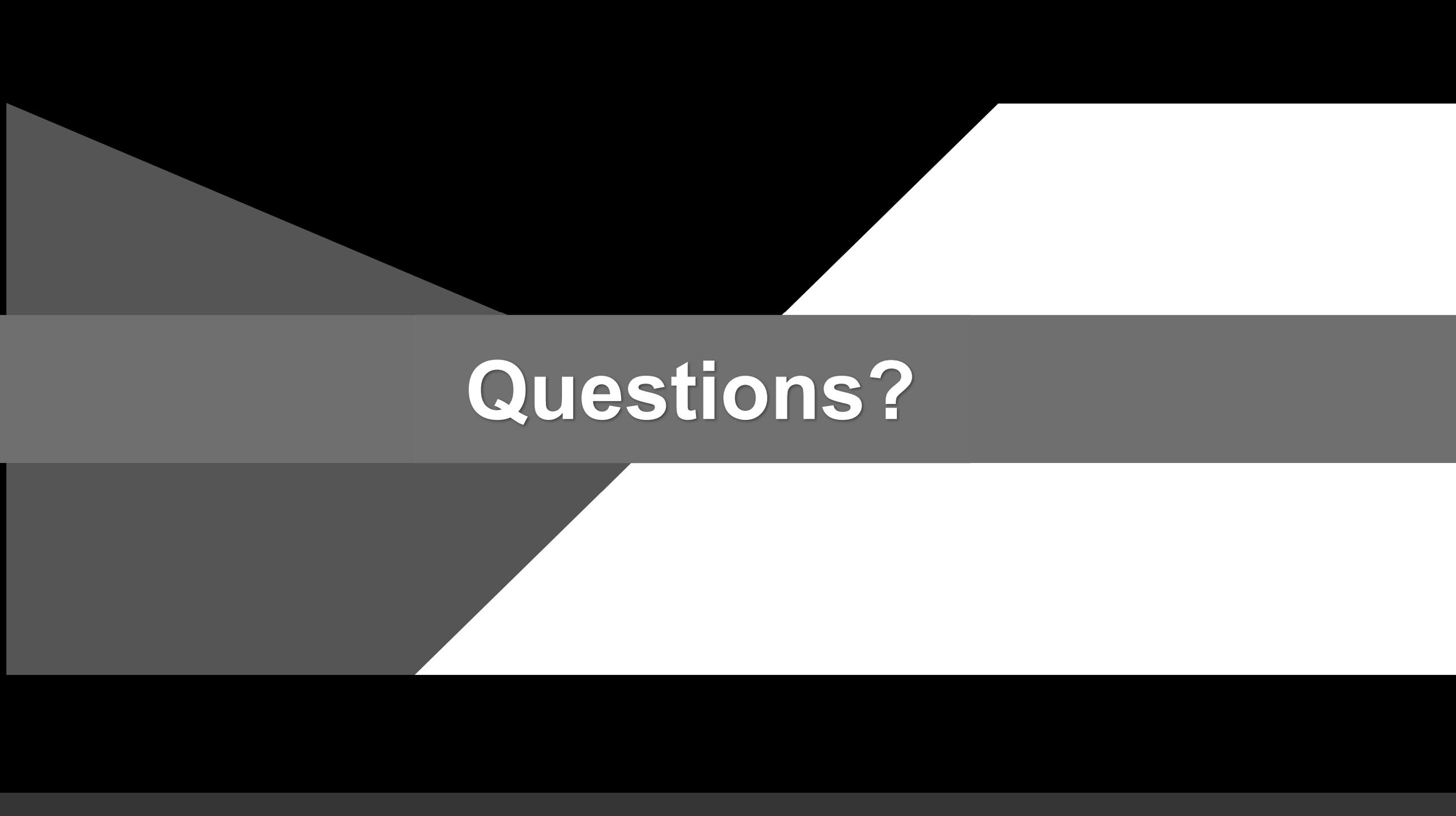
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