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TO: UTM Academic Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report on Academic Integrity (2022-23)

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under section 5.7 of its Terms of Reference, the committee receives, annually from its assessors, reports on matters within its areas of responsibility, including statements of current issues, opportunities and problems, and recommendations for changes in policies, plans or priorities that would address such issues.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **UTM Academic Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 6, 2024)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The annual report was provided to the Academic Affairs Committee on May 10, 2023.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Academic Integrity Unit (AIU) in the Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean (OVPAD) is responsible for managing all allegations of undergraduate academic misconduct, under the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (the Code). The AIU offers guidance to faculty, staff, and students on matters and procedures concerning academic integrity.

This report spans from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023, and outlines the outcomes of cases resolved at the departmental, divisional, and Tribunal levels. It presents statistics on the number of

cases per academic year, distribution across academic units, offences categorized by year of student, and types of offences. The data encompasses cases resolved with sanctions, as well as those dismissed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

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DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Annual Report on Academic Integrity (2022-23)

Annual Report to the Academic Affairs Committee (September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023)

The Academic Integrity Unit (AIU) in the Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean (OVPAD) assumes responsibility for addressing all allegations of undergraduate academic misconduct at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), under the University's [Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters](#) (*the Code*).

Aligned with the principals outlined by the International Centre for Academic Integrity, UTM defines academic integrity as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage across all academic endeavours. Upholding these values not only fosters a culture of integrity, but also reinforces UofT's reputation as a leading teaching and research institution. The expectations for integrity are described in *the Code*, which outlines the responsibilities of every member of the University.

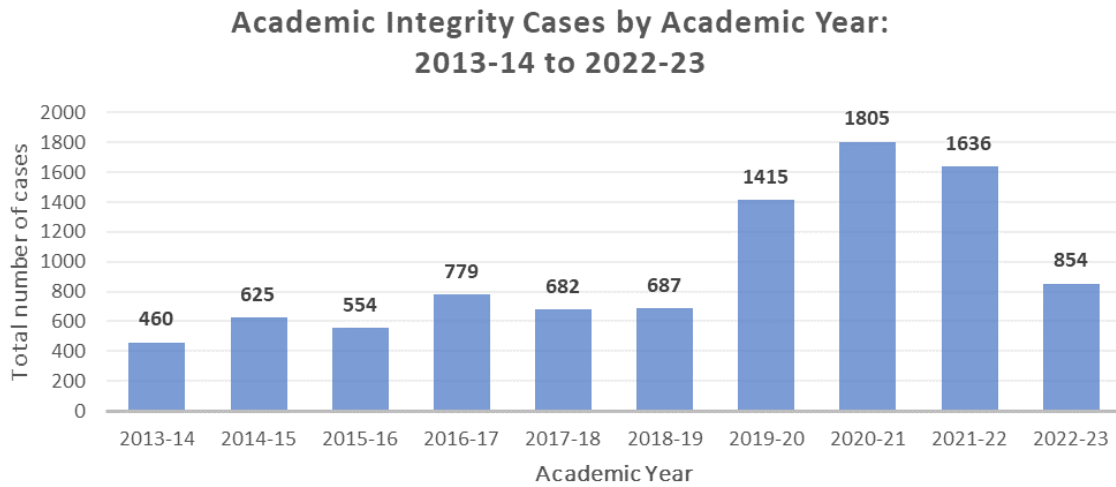
The AIU fulfills several functions, including:

1. Addressing all instances of academic misconduct at UTM, in accordance with *the Code*.
2. Educating faculty, staff, and students on matters pertaining to academic integrity and the related processes.
3. Cultivating a culture of academic integrity and intellectual honesty within the UTM community.

Collaborating closely with students, staff, and faculty, the AIU actively promotes, through a wide range educational outreach events, awareness about academic integrity. We encourage all members of the University community to engage with these resources and join us in nurturing a positive learning environment that prioritizes the importance of academic integrity.

Count of Cases by Academic Year:

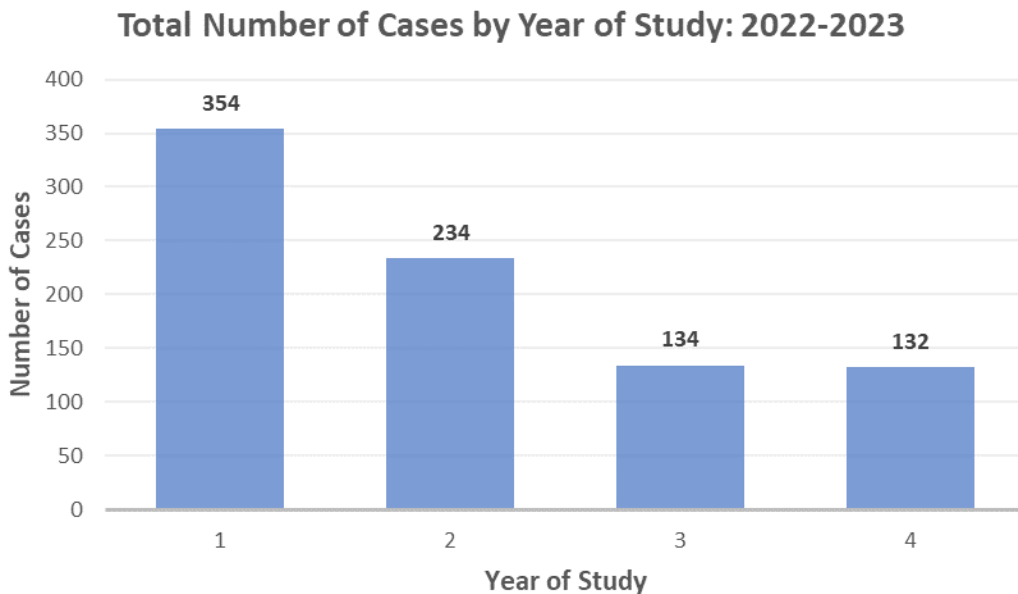
This graph illustrates the total number of academic integrity cases across academic years spanning from 2013-2014 to 2022-2023. The most notable surge in cases was observed during the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 academic years, coinciding with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the transition to remote learning. Notably, 854 cases were reported in the 2022-23 academic year, suggesting a gradual return to pre-pandemic conditions.



Source: Academic Integrity Database. Data pulled March 29, 2024

Count of Cases by Year of Study:

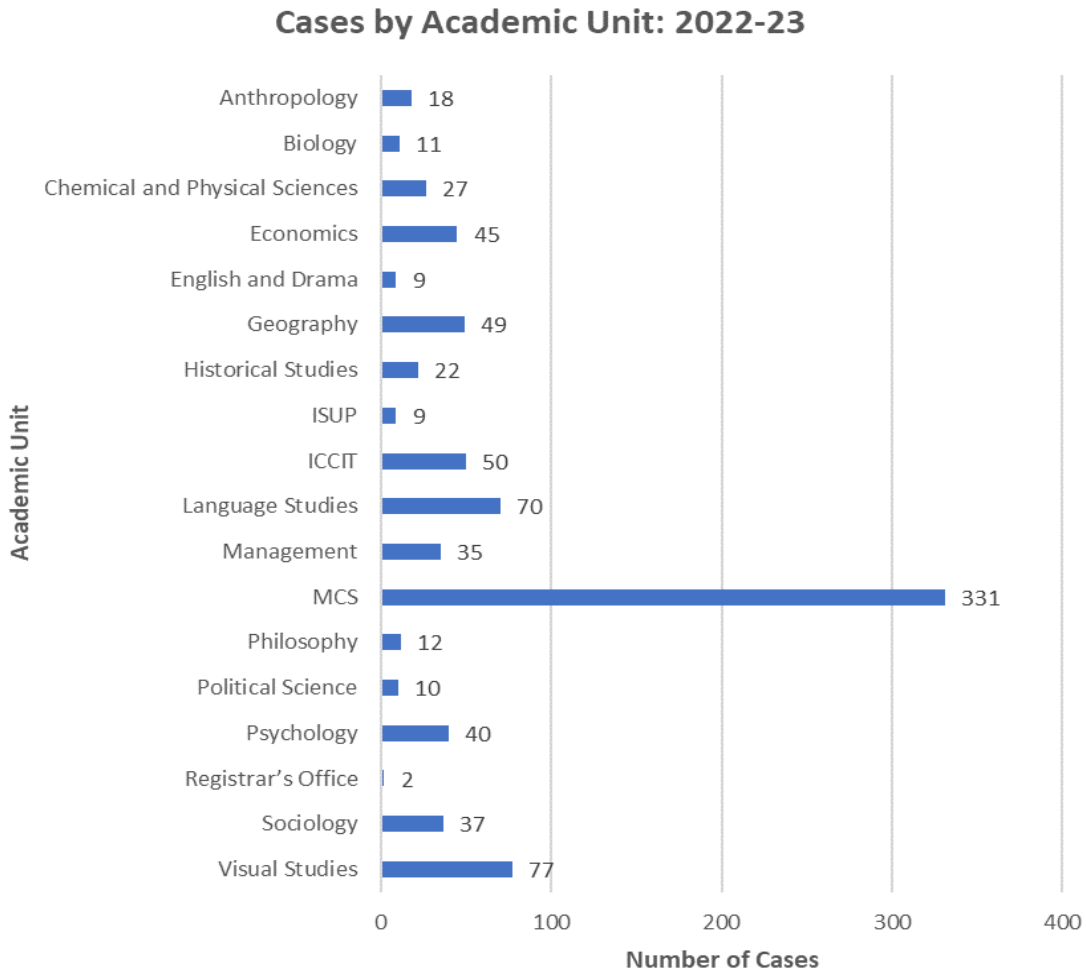
This graph illustrates the total number of cases by year of study for the 2022-2023 academic year. The trend indicates a gradual decline in reported cases over the four years of study.



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Count of Cases by Academic Unit:

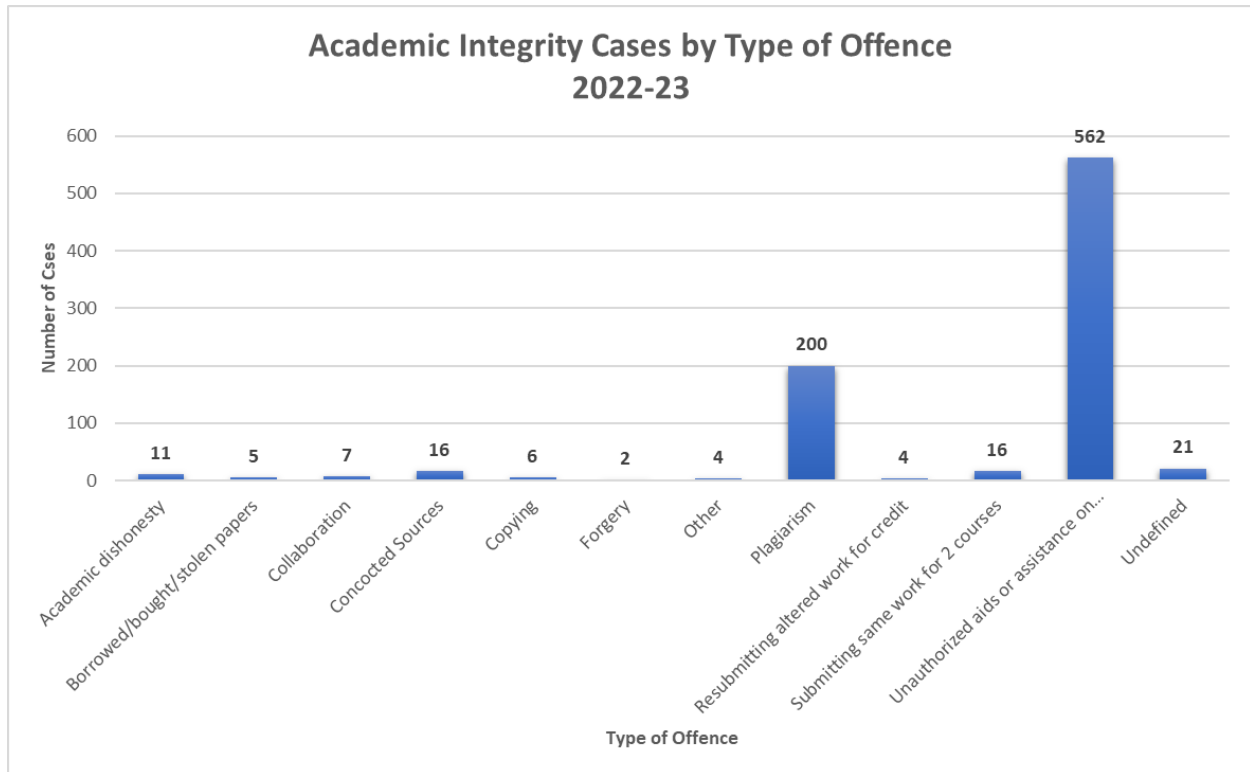
This breakdown highlights the distribution of academic integrity cases across the academic units during the 2022-23 academic year. The Department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences reported the highest number of cases.



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Count of Cases by Type of Offence:

This breakdown outlines academic integrity cases by offence type for the 2022-2023 academic year. The most prevalent offence type was “unauthorized aids or assistance,” with plagiarism also standing out as a notable offence.



Academic Integrity Full Course Equivalent (FCE) Data:

The Divisional Research, Analysis, and Assessment team in the OVPAD provided the following comparative data between Full Course Equivalents (FCEs) and AI cases per unit for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Department	FCE	AI Case Count	FCE/AI case ¹
Anthropology	3559.75	18	197.8
Biology	4404.75	11	400.4
Chemical and Physical Sciences	2968	27	109.9
Economics	4135.5	45	91.9
English and Drama	1607	9	178.6
Geography	3259.5	49	66.5
Historical Studies	2380.5	22	108.2
Institute for the Study of University Pedagogy	1185	9	131.7
Institute of Communication and Culture	4506	50	90.1
Language Studies	3806	70	54.4
Management	4133	35	118.1
Mathematical and Computational Sciences	9760.5	331	29.5
Philosophy	1995.5	12	166.3
Political Science	2487	10	248.7
Psychology	4231.5	40	105.8

Registrar's Office	0	2	0
Sociology	4058.5	37	109.7
Visual Studies	1519	77	19.7
Total	59,997	854	70.3

² FCE count per AI case. For example, FCE per AI case for MCS is 29.5, meaning that there is, on average, one AI case reported for every 29.5 FCE.