The University’s *Code of Practice on Student Discipline* (Academic) states the following:-

“*Cheating in any assessment, whether formative or summative, can result in disciplinary action being taken under this Code.*

Where there is reason to believe that cheating in any assessment has occurred a complaint should be made in writing through the Head of the appropriate School; **it should not be dealt with as part of academic assessment.** The Head of School (or nominee in cases of plagiarism) shall normally investigate the allegation with the student (Section 7 of the Code of Practice on Student Discipline refers). **The role of the internal and external examiners shall be restricted to the presentation of evidence; they shall have no role in deciding whether a student is guilty of cheating.** They may, as appropriate, submit evidence to a disciplinary hearing.

Although a Head of School may have delegated authority to investigate a case the Head of School must make a decision on whether cheating has occurred. If a Head of School believes that cheating has occurred he/she shall proceed in accordance with the relevant Section in the *Code of Practice on Student Discipline* (Academic)

The penalties for examination offences, including cheating in prescribed degree assessments, are also indicated in the Code.)

**Academic Appeals**

A student may appeal against an examination mark or degree classification but specific rights of such appeals against a decision involving academic judgement are very limited. **Academic appeals will be considered only in matters of procedure, competency and/or prejudice.**