

Academic Misconduct System User Guide (Student)

Academic Services Office



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Introduction to academic misconduct

Academic misconduct is any inappropriate activity or behaviour by a student which may give that student, or another student, an unpermitted academic advantage in a summative assessment and is unacceptable within the University's scholarly community.

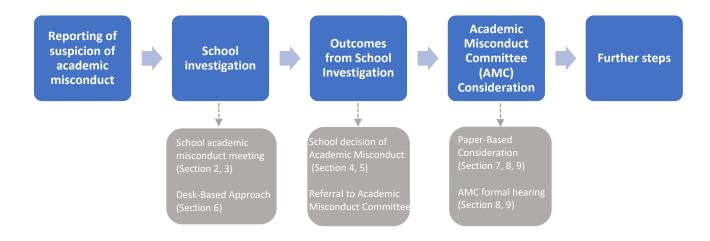
When a suspicion of academic misconduct is reported to relevant Academic Misconduct Officer (AMO) of the School/Department in which the work was undertaken, the AMO is required to conduct an investigation, and this may lead to a penalty being imposed.

The Academic Misconduct System digitalises the full academic misconduct procedures at UNNC consideration stage and this user guide enables students to complete the actions required correctly in the system during the process.

For more details of relevant regulations, please refer to <u>Academic Misconduct Policy</u> and <u>Procedure</u>. For any technical issues with task processing, please contact the Academic Misconduct team at <u>academic-misconduct@nottingham.edu.cn</u> describing the issues with relevant screenshots.

Process overview

All stages of academic misconduct process are shown in blue, with possible scenarios listed below each stage. Please refer to corresponding section for detailed steps.





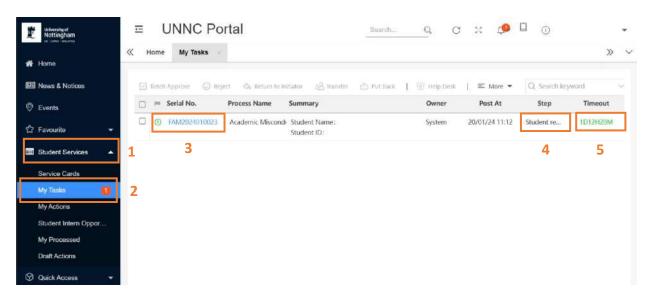
1. Open academic misconduct task

When your case is under investigation, you will be asked to complete certain steps on the academic misconduct system. Please open the academic misconduct task on UNNC Portal (BPM system) to view details and complete relevant steps in the system. For example, when you receive School academic misconduct meeting invitation, please respond to the invitation in the system.

There are following two ways to open the academic misconduct task:

Recommended way to open task

Log in to student portal (https://portal.nottingham.edu.cn/) → click 1 'Student Services' → 2 'My Tasks' → 3 click serial number to view the details



Detailed information displayed in the page:

4 Step: Current step of the academic misconduct case/the step you are expected to complete on BPM

5 Timeout: Time left for you to complete the step. In the screenshot above, '1D12H20M' means there are 1 day 12 hours and 20 minutes left.

Alternative way to open task

When you are asked to complete a certain action in the system, you will receive an automatic reminder email from BPM. Please open the task via the link provided in the email and perform the required action.

- (1) Please read carefully 1 'Required action' in the reminder email before completing the step in the system.
- (2) Click 2 'Process' to open the task directly. You may view the detailed information in the web browser.

You may also view the User Guide for detailed steps via the link provided.



Please kindly note that the following BPM task was just assigned to you. Click to Process now.

Process Name: Academic Misconduct

Ticket No.: FAM2024040005

Summary: Student Name:

Student ID:

Required action: This is an automatic email from the academic misconduct system. You should have received a separate email from BPM to invite you to a School Academic Misconduct meeting to explain a suspected academic misconduct case. Please click the 'Process' button above for details, and respond to the meeting invitation on the system by the timeline set on the system page.

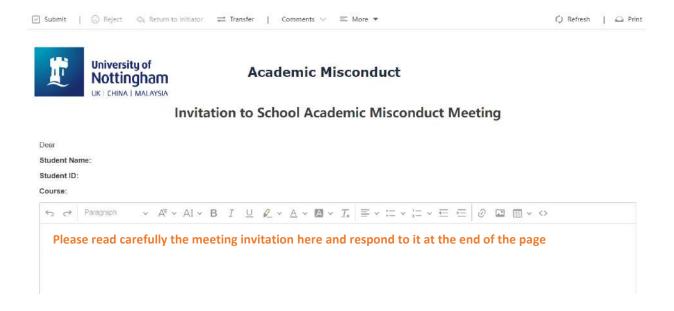
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User guide: For detailed steps, please refer to section 2 'Respond to School Academic Misconduct meeting invitation' of the <u>Academic Misconduct System User Guide</u> (Student). Click the link to view the User Guide Message:

2. Respond to School Academic Misconduct meeting invitation

If School/Department decides to hold a meeting to investigate your case, you will receive a School Academic Misconduct meeting invitation, please read the invitation letter carefully in email or in the system, and submit your response to the meeting invitation in the system.

Note: In the School meeting you may explain the case to School/Department. For detailed information, please refer to section "School Academic Misconduct Meeting" of Academic Misconduct Procedure.

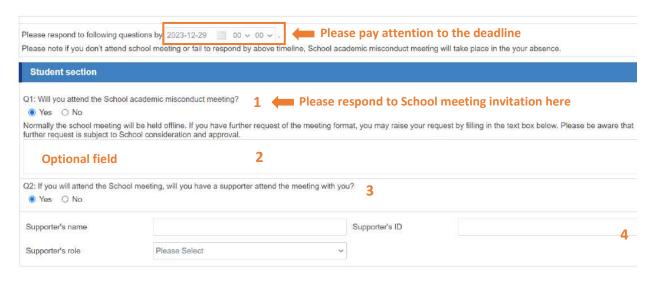




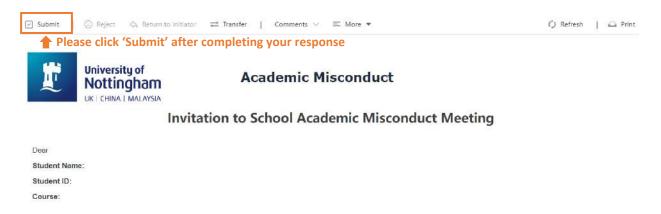
Scenario A: Attend the School meeting

If you decide to attend the School meeting, please select 'Yes' for Q1 (step 1). If you have any other request for the meeting, you may raise it in the text box under the Q1 (step 2, optional step).

- If you would like to bring a supporter to the meeting, please complete step 3 and 4.
- If you won't bring a supporter, please select 'No' for Q2 (step 3).



Once you have responded to the questions about School meeting, please submit your response by clicking 'Submit' button at the left top of the page.



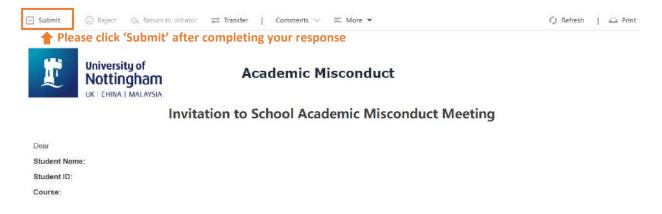
Scenario B: Not attend the School meeting

If you won't attend the School meeting, please select 'No' for Q1.





Once you have responded to the question about School meeting, please submit your response by clicking 'Submit' button at the left top of the page.

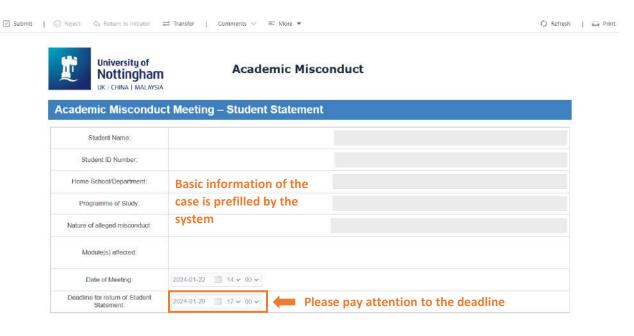


3. Submit written statement after School meeting

After the School meeting, you will be asked to submit a written statement to further explain the case. The statement will be considered by School/Department Academic Misconduct Officer when making final decision or penalty on your case.

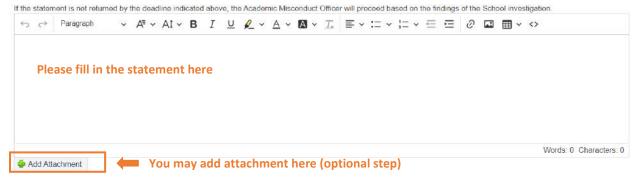
Please submit written statement within timescale (up to 5 working days after School meeting). If you fail to submit the statement within the timescale, the Academic Misconduct Officer will proceed based on the findings of the investigation.





- (1) Please fill in the statement. You may add attachment to your statement if necessary.
 - · Acknowledges what it is you are alleged to have done

 - Acknowledges why what is alleged counts as academic misconduct
 Provides an account of events, which may include an explanation for your behaviour and supply relevant evidence (if applicable) for School's consideration. New evidence is normally not considered at a later stage when the School has made its decision about your alleged misconduct unless there is a compelling reason as to why this evidence was not provided for consideration at the School investigation stage. Evidence that is not in English must be provided with a copy in English translated by an accredited translator.

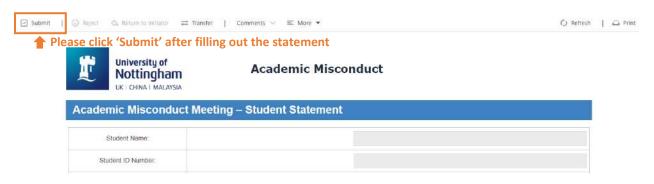


(2) Sign the statement.



(3) Submit the written statement by clicking 'Submit' at the top of the page.





4. Respond to School Decision Letter

You will receive School Decision Letter after the School academic misconduct meeting and the submission of written statement (optional). There are two following scenarios:

Scenario A: Refer to the Academic Misconduct Committee for further consideration.

You do not need to respond to School Decision Letter at this point. Please wait for notification from the Secretary to Academic Misconduct Committee and complete further actions accordingly.

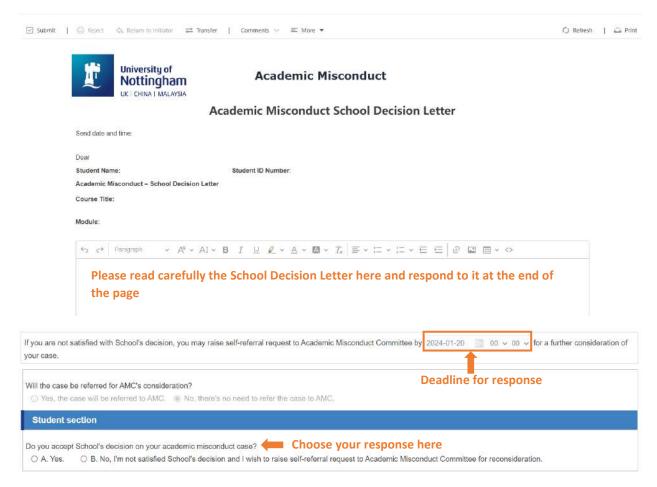
Scenario B: School/Department has made final decision/imposed penalty on the case.

In this case, you may respond to the outcome of School investigation within in five working days of the date of the School Decision Letter. (This section is for scenario B)

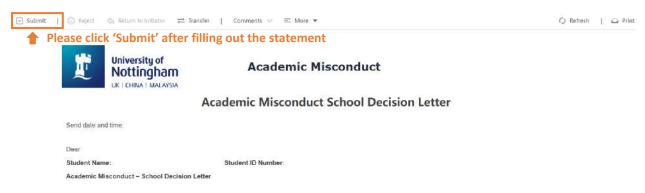
For detailed information, please refer to section 'Outcomes from a School investigation' of <u>Academic</u> Misconduct Procedure.

(1) In scenario B, please read the School Decision Letter, and then choose your response in Student section.





- Yes: if your response is 'Yes' or you don't respond within the timeframe, the academic misconduct case will be closed automatically and there will be no further step for the case.
- No: if B/No is selected, the next step for you is to raise self-referral request. After submitting your response, please go back to 'My task', re-open the task and start the step of 'Self-referral to AMC'. (Please refer to next section 'Raise self-referral request' for further steps)
- (2) Submit your response by clicking 'Submit' at the top of the page.





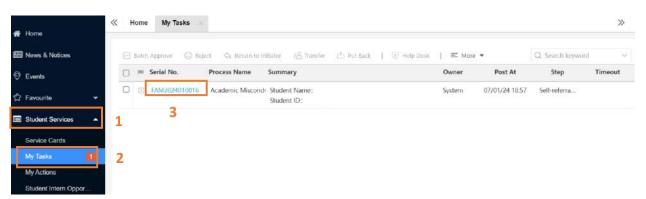
5. Raise self-referral request

If you are dissatisfied with a School's decision following an Academic Misconduct meeting, you may be able to request a Self-Referral to the Academic Misconduct Committee (AMC).

For detailed information, please refer to section 'Student Self-Referral following a School Penalty' of Academic Misconduct Procedure.

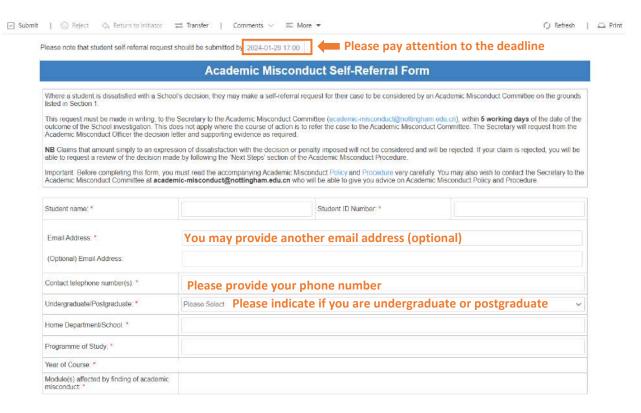
(1) After submitting your response to School's decision at the step of 'Respond to School Decision Letter', please re-open the task to submit self-referral request.

Detailed steps: Click 1 'Student Services' \rightarrow 2 'My tasks' \rightarrow 3 click the serial number to re-open the task \rightarrow fill in Self-referral form.

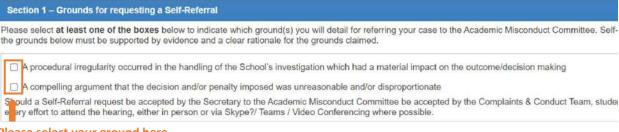


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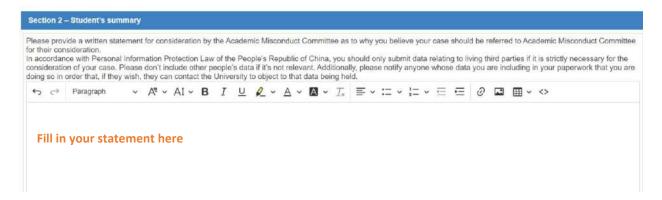


(3) Please select the grounds for self-referral (select at least one ground).



Please select your ground here

(4) Please fill in your statement in the text box of section 2.

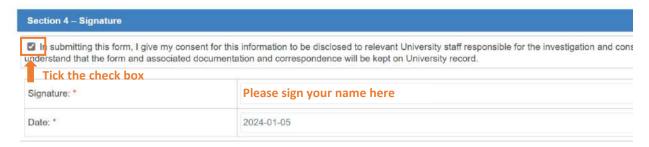




(5) If necessary, you may submit relevant evidence in section 3. (optional step)



(6) Sign the self-referral form.



(7) Submit self-referral request by clicking 'Submit' at the top of the page.



6. Respond to Interim Outcome via Desk-Based Approach

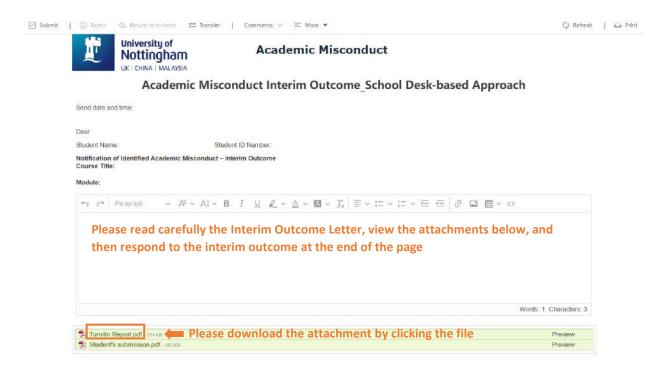
During School investigation stage, where AMO is satisfied that all the criteria for Desk-Based Approach are met and appropriate outcomes are available, they will undertake this approach without holding School meeting. In this case, AMO will write to you, providing copies of the evidence considered, informing you that academic misconduct has been identified. When you receive Desk-Based Interim



outcome letter with relevant evidence, please respond to it in the system within ten working days of the date of the letter.

For detailed information, please refer to section 'Investigation by an Academic Misconduct Officer' and '2.2.2. Outcomes Available Following a Desk-Based Decision' of <u>Academic Misconduct Procedure</u>.

(1) Please read the Interim outcome letter, check the evidence, then choose your response in student section.



Scenario A: Accept the Interim Outcome

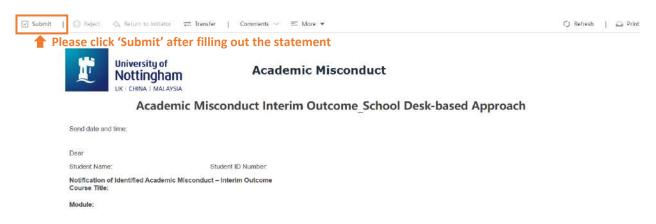
If you accept the interim outcome, please select 'A' and submit your response.

Please be aware that if your response is A/ 'I accept' or you don't respond within the timeframe, you will receive an email later from School/Department that confirms the interim outcome is considered as final outcome.



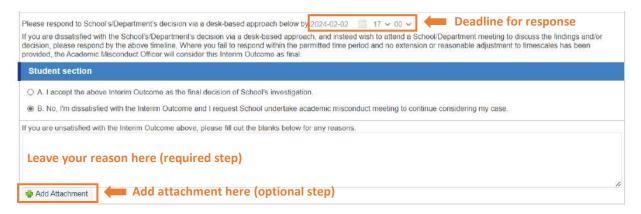
(2) Submit response by clicking 'Submit' at the top of the page.



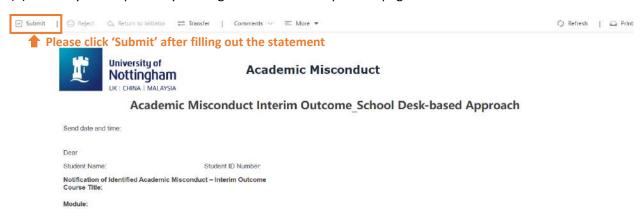


Scenario B: Dissatisfied with Interim Outcome

If you are dissatisfied with Interim Outcome, you may provide a brief reason of your dissatisfaction and submit relevant attachment. After you submitted your response, a School meeting will be held to further consider your case.



(2) Submit your response by clicking 'Submit' at the top of the page.





7. Request Paper-Based Consideration

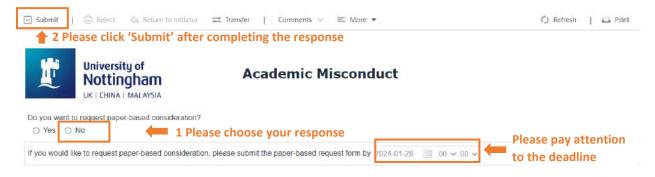
When your case is referred to Academic Misconduct Committee (AMC), the case will be heard by a panel on behalf of the AMC in formal hearing or Paper-Based Consideration (without the need for you or school to be in attendance). You may choose to request Paper-Based Consideration or not, but Panel Secretary determines the more appropriate approach based on the criteria of paper-based panel, even if not requested by the student.

For detailed information, please refer to section 'The Academic Misconduct Committee' of <u>Academic Misconduct Procedure</u>.



Scenario A: Not request Paper-Based Consideration

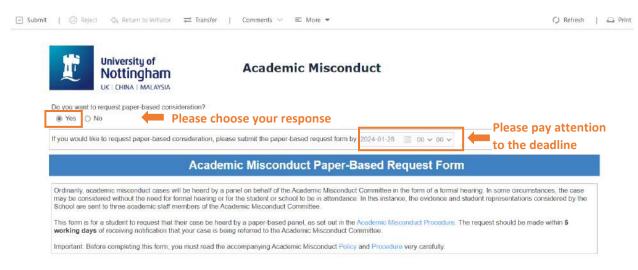
If you would like your case be heard in AMC formal hearing instead of paper-based consideration, please select 'No' to the question and submit your response.



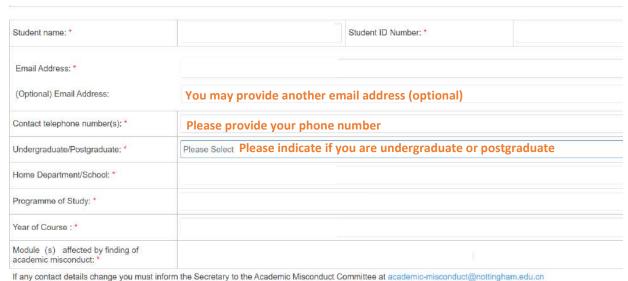
Scenario B: Request Paper-Based Consideration

(1) If you would like your case to be heard by paper-based panel, please select 'Yes', and then fill in the Paper-based Consideration Request Form.



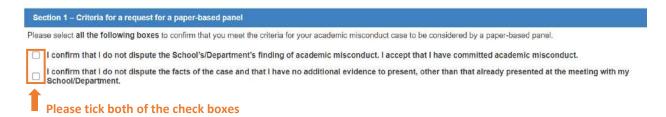


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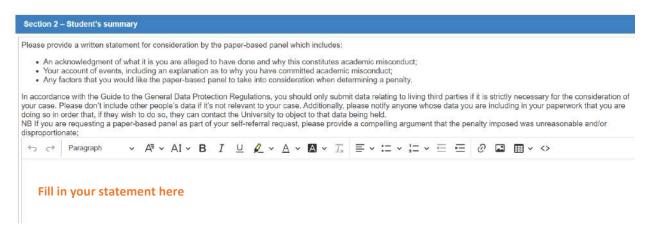
if any contact details change you must inform the Secretary to the Academic Misconduct Committee at academic-misconductignorming annied.

(3) Please select **both of the boxes** in section 1 to make sure that your case meets the criteria of paper-based consideration.

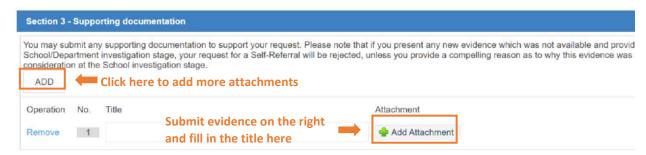




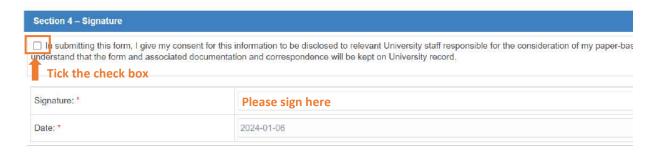
(4) Please fill in your statement in the text box of section 2.



(5) If necessary, you may submit supporting evidence in section 3. (optional step)



(6) Sign the paper-based consideration request form.



(7) Submit paper-based request by clicking 'Submit' at the top of the page.

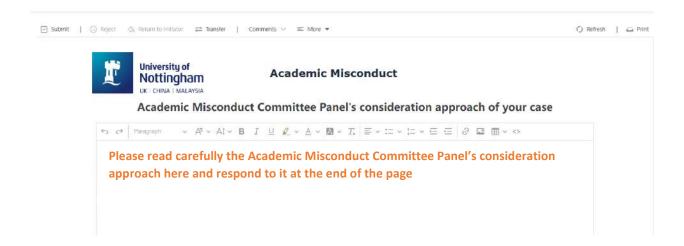




8. Respond to Academic Misconduct Committee consideration

When your case is referred to Academic Misconduct Committee (AMC), you will be informed of the AMC Panel's consideration approach for your case. There are two approaches: AMC formal hearing and Paper-Based Consideration (refer to scenario A and B below). In either case, you will have an opportunity to submit an additional written statement to AMC prior to the meeting. Please read the notification email and respond in the system accordingly.

For detailed information, please refer to section 'The Academic Misconduct Committee' of <u>Academic Misconduct Procedure</u>.

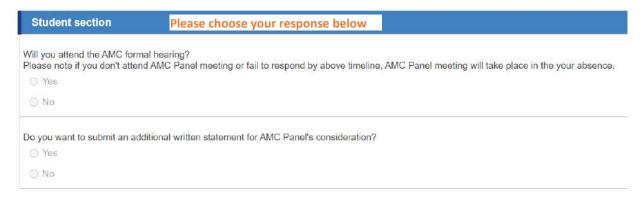


Scenario A: Formal hearing

If your case will be considered in the form of AMC formal hearing, please reply ① if you will attend the formal hearing and ② if you would like to submit additional statement for AMC Panel's consideration.





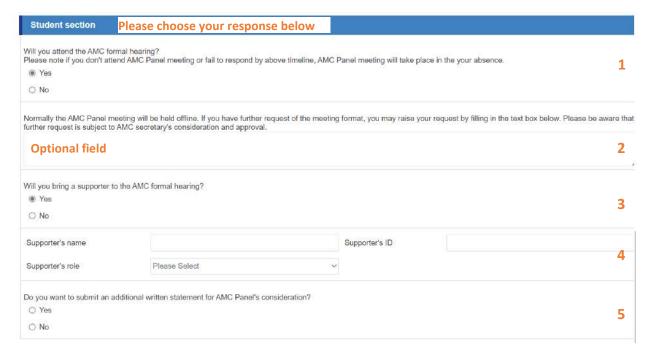


Scenario A-1: You will attend the formal hearing

(1) If you decide to attend the formal hearing, please select 'Yes' for step 1. In the case that you have further request of the meeting, you may raise it in the text box of step 2 (optional step).

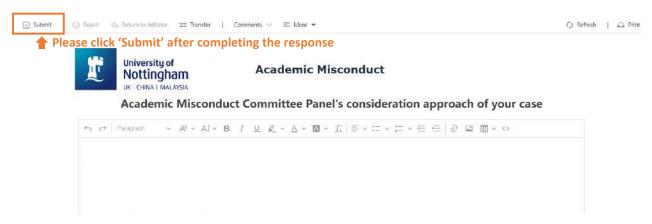
- If you would like to bring a supporter to the hearing, please complete step 3 and 4.
- If you won't bring a supporter, please select 'No' for step 3.

At last, please choose whether you would like to submit additional statement for AMC's consideration at step 5 (required step).



(2) After finishing the response, please submit it by clicking 'Submit' button at the top of the page.

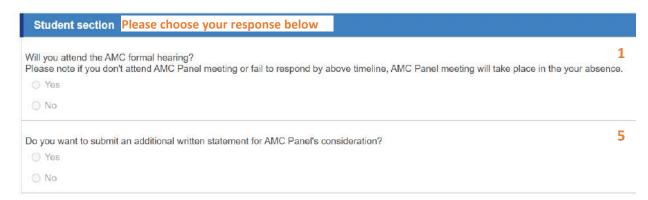




If you would like to submit additional statement to AMC Panel, please re-open the task and fill in the statement. (For detailed steps, please refer to the next section)

Scenario A-2: You will not attend the formal hearing

(1) If you are not going to attend the formal hearing, please complete steps 1 and 5.



(2) After finishing the response, please submit it by clicking 'Submit' button at the top of the page.

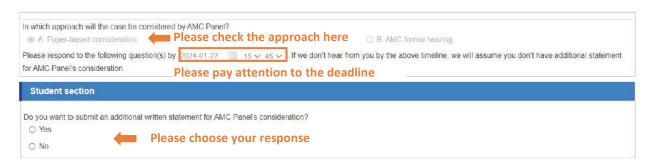


If you would like to submit additional statement to AMC Panel, please re-open the task and fill in the statement. (For detailed steps, please refer to the next section)



Scenario B: Paper-Based Consideration

(1) If your case will be considered by paper-based panel, please reply if you would like to submit additional statement to AMC.



(2) After finishing the response, please submit it by clicking 'Submit' button at the top of the page.

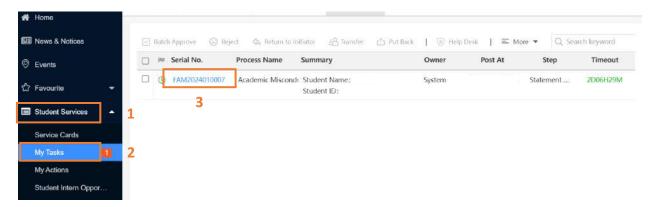


If you would like to submit additional statement to AMC Panel, please re-open the task and fill in the statement. (For detailed steps, please refer to the <u>next section</u>)

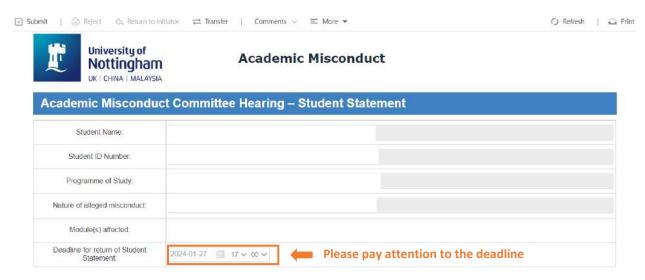
9. Submit additional statement for AMC's consideration

If you would like to submit additional statement, please re-open the task in the system. Detailed steps: Click 1 'Student Services' \rightarrow 2 'My tasks' \rightarrow 3 click the serial number again \rightarrow fill in student statement.



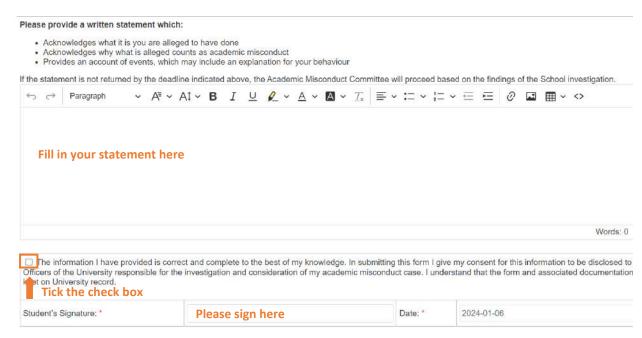


Basic information of the case is prefilled by the system. Please pay attention to the submission deadline.



(1) Please fill in your statement in the text box and sign the statement.





(2) Submit statement by clicking 'Submit' at the top of the page.



10. Tips

Save the draft

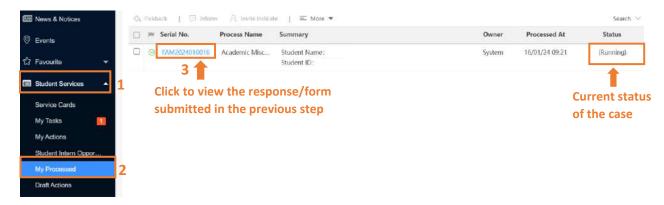
Save: If you need to save the draft and continue the task later, please click 1 'More' \rightarrow 2 'Save', then you may close the window.





View case status

If you would like to view the case status or the response/form you just submitted, you may find relevant information following these steps: click 1 'Student Services' \rightarrow 2 'My Processed' \rightarrow 3 click the serial number to view details.





11. Contact information

For inquiries or questions regarding the academic misconduct processes, please refer to the following contact information and seek help.

| Type of inquiry | Scenarios | Contact information |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| System-related issues | You have technical issues while completing certain steps in the system | Contact Academic Misconduct team at <u>academic-misconduct@nottingham.edu.cn</u> with a clear description and the screenshot(s) of the issues |
| Non-system- related inquiries | You have inquiry about email/information from School/Department/Faculty Office | Please contact your Faculty Office: FHSS: fhss@nottingham.edu.cn FoSE: fose@nottingham.edu.cn NUBS: nubschinaacademicmisconduct@nottingham.edu.cn CELE: cpso@nottingham.edu.cn |
| | You have inquiry about email sent by Secretary to Academic Misconduct Committee (AMC) | Please contact Academic Misconduct Team at academic-misconduct@nottingham.edu.cn |
| | You have general inquiry regarding the Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure | |