

Chapter UWS 17

STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

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UWS 17.01 Policy statement. The board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system adopts the following policy on the standards and procedures for student discipline in the university system, acknowledging both the need to preserve the orderly processes of the university with regard to its teaching, research, and public service missions, as well as the need to observe the student's procedural and substantive rights.

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UWS 17.02 Definitions. (1) "Chancellor" where used in the chapter shall mean the chancellor or his/her designee.

(2) "Investigating officer" means investigating officer or his/her designee.

(3) "Student," for the purpose of this chapter, means any person who is registered for study in any institution in the university for the current academic period. A person shall be considered a student during any period which follows the end of an academic period which the student has completed until the last day for registration for the next succeeding academic period or until 14 calendar days have elapsed after the commencement of classes for the next succeeding academic period, whichever occurs first.

(4) "Disciplinary sanction" or "sanction" shall mean any action affecting the status of an individual as a student which is taken by the university in response to student misconduct. The term shall include probation, resignation or leave for misconduct, suspension or expulsion, removal from the course with no grade assigned in cases of academic misconduct, written reprimand, denial of particular university privileges, and other less severe actions not enumerated herein. Disciplinary sanctions shall not include cut-off or revocation of a student's financial aids; however, this shall not be interpreted as precluding the individual operation of rules or standards governing eligibility for student financial aid under which the imposition of a disciplinary sanction could result in disqualification of the student for financial aid. Disciplinary sanctions do not include academic responses as defined in section UWS 17.02(8), Wis. Adm. Code. Each institution is authorized to adopt a more explicit listing of sanctions which is consistent with the provisions of this section.

(5) "Probation" means that the student is permitted to remain enrolled in the university only upon condition that he/she comply with all university rules or regulations or with other standards of conduct which the student is directed to observe for the duration of the period of the probation and which may include loss of student privileges except those of attending classes and writing examinations. Probation may not exceed 2 semesters in duration for any given misconduct, except that violation of probationary conditions shall be cause for extension of the probation for more than 2 additional semesters or for suspension or expulsion.

(6) "Suspension" means a temporary loss of student status for a specified period of time, not to exceed 2 years, with resultant loss of all student rights and privileges. Upon completion of suspension, the student shall have the same standing to re-enroll as he/she would have had if no suspension had been imposed.

(7) "Expulsion" means termination of student status with resultant loss of all student rights and privileges.

(8) "Academic response" means a formal action which may be taken by an instructor under section UWS 17.13(2) (c) Wis. Adm. Code in response to "academic misconduct" as defined by section 17.06(2) Wis. Adm. Code. It is to be distinguished from "sanction" or "disciplinary sanction" as defined in section UWS 17.02(4) Wis. Adm. Code. It is limited to reduction of grade for the assignment in question to a lower passing grade (if it is clear that the academic misconduct affected only a portion of the assignment or examination and the remainder constituted passing work) or to a failure, and required performance of additional work—for example to resolve uncertainties over the effect of the academic misconduct on the assignment or examination.

(9) "Instructor" for the purposes of this chapter means the faculty member who has responsibility for the overall conduct of a course and ultimate responsibility for the assignment of the grade for the course.

(10) "Institution" for the purposes of this chapter means any university, or an organizational equivalent designated by the board.

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UWS 17.03 Right to petition for readmission. A student who has been expelled or suspended may petition for readmission. The petition must be in writing and directed to the chancellor of the institution which initiated the charges for which the student was suspended or expelled. Such petition may not be filed before the expiration of one year from the date of the final determination in expulsion cases, or before the expiration of one-half of the suspension period in suspension cases. The chancellor shall after consultation with the elected committee which serves as the faculty's executive arm and with the elected officers of the principal student organization, adopt procedures for determining whether such petitions will be granted or denied.

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UWS 17.04 Effect of discipline within the university system. Suspension or expulsion shall be systemwide in effect. A student who
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is suspended or expelled from one institution in the university of Wisconsin system may not enroll in another institution in the system unless the suspension has expired by its own terms or one year has elapsed after the student has been suspended or expelled.

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