Appealing Process

You have five (5) business days from the date you received the outcome of the hearing to submit your appeal to the Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

To file an appeal, complete the attached appeal form identifying the grounds for appeal and provide supporting information (form found at www.uakron.edu/studentconduct).

Grounds for appeal are

• To determine whether there was a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule alleged to have been violated;
• To determine whether the hearing was conducted in violation of procedural requirements set forth in the Code of Student Conduct, and whether these violations could have affected the outcome of the hearing;
• To determine, based solely upon a review of the original hearing record, whether there was a reasonable basis for the hearing board’s or student conduct administrator’s conclusion that a violation of the Code of Student Conduct had been proven by the applicable standard of the evidence;
• To determine whether the sanctions imposed were grossly disproportionate to the violations of the code of student conduct for which the student was found responsible; or
• To consider new evidence unavailable to the student at the time of the hearing, which is sufficient to alter a decision.

See Code of Student Conduct at www.uakron.edu/studentconduct for full University Appeal Board process.

Resources

Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards
330-972-6380

Counseling Center
330-972-7082

Financial Aid
330-972-7032

Residence Life & Housing
330-972-7800

Registrar
330-972-8300

Academic Advising
Simmons Hall: 330-972-7430
Summit College: 330-972-7221

Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards
Simmons Hall Room 302
Akron, OH 44325-6207
Phone: 330-972-6380
Fax: 330-972-5884
Below you will find the answers to many of the questions students commonly ask after receiving a decision from a hearing officer or hearing board.

**CLASS**

- **Can I keep going to classes?** If you were suspended or dismissed, you may only continue attending classes while you appeal the decision and are not under a presidential suspension.

- **Do I need to withdraw from the classes I registered for next semester?** If you were suspended or dismissed for future semesters that you have already registered for, Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards will have you withdrawn from classes once the appeal period has lapsed or if the original decision is upheld.

- **Can I transfer to another university and take classes?** You can transfer to another university. However, if one of your sanctions is restitution, there will be a hold on your UA transcripts until the amount is paid in full.

**HOUSING**

- **Can I stay in on-campus housing?** If you were suspended or dismissed, you may continue to live in housing if you intend to appeal the decision and are not under a presidential suspension, trespass warning, interim housing suspension or on the banned residence hall visitor list.

**ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

- **Can I keep my on-campus job?** You are not permitted to continue working on-campus during a suspension or after your dismissal.

- **Can I still go in the residence halls and visit my friends?** Under some circumstances, you may go in to UA residence halls if you are the guest of a resident. This does not apply to students who have a criminal trespass warning or are on the banned residence hall visitor list.

- **Can I come to UA events?** Under some circumstances, you can still attend UA events. This does not apply to students who have a criminal trespass warning.

**FINANCIAL AID**

- **Can I transfer my financial aid to another university?** You need to speak with someone from the Financial Aid office at 330-972-7032.

- **Do I need to give back the financial aid refund I received?** You need to speak with someone from the Cashiers office at 330-972-5100.

- **Will I lose my scholarships?** You will need to speak with the administrator for your scholarship to find out if disciplinary sanctions will impact your receipt of funding.

**Counseling**

If you find that you are struggling with the impact of the sanctions given to you, there are a number of counseling resources available to you.

- **University Counseling Center** has a dedicated staff that would be available to meet with you and support you during this time of change and transition. You can call 330-972-7082 to schedule an appointment.

- **Crisis Intervention Hotline** available at 300-434-9144 or 1-888-434-8878 (Toll Free).

- **ADM Crisis Center/Portage Path Emergency Services** is available 24 hours a day at 330-762-6110.

If you need assistance in locating resources available in your hometown, the University Counseling Center (330-972-7082) would be happy to provide you with a referral.