

# Academic Issues Related to Serious Sanctions: Student Code of Conduct

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Students who violate the Student Code of Conduct are subject to a variety of disciplinary sanctions. See the Student Handbooks for more information:

- **Undergraduate Student Handbook:** <https://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/>
- **Graduate Student Handbook:** <https://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/graduate/>

The most serious of these sanctions affect the ability of students to enroll or continue in classes on or off campus.

## Suspension from the University

Students who are suspended from the University are not permitted to be on campus, attend classes, be in the residence halls or avail themselves of other privileges as set forth in the notice of suspension, for a defined period of time. However, after the suspension period has ended, the student may return to classes. Since suspended students may resume their studies, faculty advisors are encouraged to keep in contact electronically with their advisees who have been suspended in order to facilitate their return to the University. Faculty should note there are other versions of suspension, such as Suspension from the Residence Halls, which do not prohibit a student from attending classes.

## Dismissal

Dismissed students are separated from the University, University-related events/activities and Quinnipiac facilities for an indefinite period of time. Faculty advisors have no obligation to remain in contact with dismissed students. Dismissed students may petition for readmission to the University after a specified period of time (for example, students must wait one year before reapplying after a dismissal resulting from failure to maintain Academic Good Standing). Readmission of dismissed students is not guaranteed and is dependent on individual circumstances.

## Expulsion

Expulsion is the most serious sanction of the University and it is a permanent separation from the University, University-related events/activities and Quinnipiac facilities.

Students may face serious sanctions for violations of two faculty-approved policies that are administered by Academic Affairs: our Academic Good Standing and Academic Integrity policies. Both of these policies and their procedures are found in this Resource Guide, the University Catalog and on MyQ.

## Essentials of the Student Code of Conduct System for Faculty & Staff

### Student Code of Conduct

Students are also responsible for adhering to the **Student Code of Conduct**. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct are adjudicated by the Student Code of Conduct System which is administered by Student Affairs. Faculty and staff may wish to become familiar with the complete description of the Student Code of Conduct which is found online in

the Student Handbook. Faculty should be aware of the essentials of the Student Code of Conduct, noted below, as it affects students in their classes.

In cases of violations, the Student Code of Conduct System provides for a Conduct Meeting which will determine student responsibility and the appropriate sanction. There is also an Appeals procedure. If after a conduct meeting and an appeal, if a suspension from the University, dismissal or expulsion is upheld, the student will be withdrawn from all classes by the Registrar. There are two variations of this basic policy of which faculty and staff should be aware.

## Proximity to Graduation

Under this clause of the Student Code of Conduct a student who is close to graduation may, under special circumstances, be allowed to complete their course work after they have received a serious sanction. If a student is granted this exception the student's faculty, advisor and associate dean will be notified by Academic Affairs, along with the specific terms of the exception.

## Immediate Disciplinary Suspension

Under this clause of the Student Code of Conduct a student may be suspended immediately before a final determination of responsibility and appropriate sanction are made in a Conduct Meeting and confirmed in an appeal (if the student chooses to appeal). If a student has been given an Immediate Disciplinary Suspension, they may **not come to campus to attend classes**. The Office of Student Affairs will notify all of the student's instructors and Academic Affairs in the event of an Immediate Disciplinary Suspension. Academic Affairs will in turn notify the student's advisor and associate dean. In addition, students who have received an Immediate Disciplinary Suspension may **not** continue to attend off campus educational experiences, such as internships, student teaching, or clinical placements, without the explicit permission of the Office of their School Dean. However, students in online course may continue to participate in their classes electronically until their case receives final adjudication. Typically, final adjudication of a violation is completed within two weeks of an Immediate Disciplinary Suspension.

There are, however, a small number of cases where a Conduct Meeting or an appeal after an Immediate Disciplinary Suspension will result in a finding that the student was not responsible or that a sanction less serious than suspension from the University will be applied. These students are returning to classes after missing class time due to a University directive. (Again individual faculty will be notified by Student Affairs.) In these cases, faculty are asked to work with students in their class to select the best option for the student's individual circumstances and the amount of class or lab time lost: (a) complete their course requirements within the normal semester period; (b) agree to the terms of an Incomplete grade; or (c) request a withdrawal from a specific course(s), even if the normal withdrawal deadline has passed. Academic advisors should also counsel these students on the choices they make to complete their course work or seek a withdrawal.