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Sanctions

One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed upon any student found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct:

Warning - A written notice to the student that the student is violating, or has violated, the Student Code of Conduct and that continuation or repetition of prohibited conduct may be cause for additional disciplinary action.

Loss of Privileges - Denial of specified privileges for a defined period of time, including but not limited to, signing in guests, residence hall visitation, dining services, computer use, representing the university, participation in co-curricular activities, athletic events, etc.

Fines - A monetary fee may be imposed.

Referral to Counseling and/or Health Services - A student may be referred to meet with Counseling and /or Health Services for alcohol/substance abuse violations or when there is a behavioral or health concern for the well-being of the student.

Restitution - Compensation for loss, damage or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.

Disciplinary Service - Service to the university or other related discretionary assignments, including, but not limited to, educational program planning, bulletin board design, or hours of work for a designated department of the university or service agency.

Educational Program, Project or Paper Assignment - Participation in or completion of a program, project or paper related to the code violation specifically designed to help the student understand why the violation was inappropriate.

Disciplinary Probation - A written reprimand for violation of the Student Code of Conduct. A student placed on Disciplinary Probation is no longer in good conduct standing at the university, which could impact your student status. Probation is set for a designated period of time and includes the probability of more severe conduct sanctions, including immediate suspension if the student is found to be responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct during the probationary period.

Residential Relocation - Requirement to relocate within the residence hall system on a space-available basis.

Contract Probation - A student placed on Contract Probation is in poor conduct standing. This is the last step before university suspension. This student signs a contract with the Assistant Dean of Students understanding the seriousness of their standing and agreeing to comply with expected behavior and/or sanctions that may apply.

Residence Hall Suspension - Separation of the student from the residence areas for a designated period of time, including, but not limited to, weekend suspension, separation of the student from the residence halls/apartments for a defined period of time after which the student is eligible to apply to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified.

Residence Hall Expulsion – Permanent separation of the student from the residence halls.

University Suspension – Separation of the student from the university and exclusion from university premises and from other privileges and activities for a defined period of time, after which the student is eligible to apply for return. Conditions for readmission may be specified. A student readmitted from suspension for disciplinary reasons will normally be placed on Disciplinary Probation for the semester immediately following readmission. Students who are suspended are expected to leave the campus immediately following the enactment of this sanction.

University Expulsion – Permanent termination of student status and exclusion from university premises, privileges and activities. An application for readmission shall not be considered. Students who have been expelled will be expected to leave the campus immediately following the enactment of this sanction.

Deactivation – Loss of privileges, including university recognition, for a defined period of time.

More than one of the above sanctions may be imposed for any single violation.

The proper university authorities shall be notified of any sanction.

Niagara University reserves the right to notify the student's parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) as deemed necessary and appropriate when the student is found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct and any sanctions imposed.

Sanctions shall not normally be made part of the student's permanent academic transcript except suspension or expulsion. In cases where suspension or expulsion is imposed, the file shall be retained as part of the student's permanent record. All other disciplinary records shall be kept in the student's confidential file (paper copy and/or electronic) maintained with the Assistant Dean of Students, or designee, for a period of seven years after separation from the university.

A student's conduct file is subject to review by those authorized to request it, such as transfer colleges and future employees and in other cases when the students initiates disclosure.

All appropriate sanctions may be imposed upon groups and organizations. Groups and organizations may further receive the sanction of deactivation, resulting in a loss of university recognition for a specified period of time.

Failure to abide by or complete any sanction shall result in a separate violation for the abuse of the student conduct system.

Interim Sanctions

Niagara University reserves the right to suspend for an interim period any student whose presence on the campus is, in the sole judgment of the university, detrimental to the best interests of the university or presents a danger to themselves or others. The Dean of Students or designee may impose a university or residential suspension pending an assessment and/or a hearing before a Student Conduct Body.

Administrative removal may be imposed:

- to help ensure the safety and well-being of members of the university community or preservation of university property;
- to help ensure the student's own physical or emotional safety and/or well-being;
- to help prevent disruption or interference with the normal operations of the university.

During interim suspension, students shall be removed from campus for a defined period of time and are denied access to the residence halls/apartments and/or to the campus (including classes) and/or all other university activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible, as determined appropriate.

In certain circumstances, the Dean of Students or designee may impose an interim residence suspension, mandated room reassignment or other restrictions prior to a hearing before a Student Conduct Body.