

Quick Guide to Academic Misconduct Process
Graduate Students–Dismissal from Graduate Program

In addition to receiving an academic consequence at the course level, a graduate student may be removed from his or her graduate program. The following is guide to that process, which occurs *after* the facts of the case have been adjudicated, and the graduate student has either accepted responsibility or has been found responsible by the Judicial Council for academic misconduct.

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If the graduate student has accepted his or her responsibility or been found responsible by Judicial Council, the faculty member who originally discovered the alleged academic misconduct, the graduate program director/coordinator, or department chair may recommend in writing to the Academic College Dean that the student be dismissed from the graduate program. This recommendation should be supported by all necessary evidence, including the findings of Judicial Council (if applicable).

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When a recommendation for program dismissal is brought forward to the Academic College Dean, he or she will review all of the evidence, and consult with the faculty member, department chair, program coordinator/director, college graduate director, and other parties as appropriate. The Academic College Dean will decide either to

- 1) Limit the penalty to that which was assigned in the class ;
- Or
- 2) Affirm the penalty assigned and recommend to the Dean of Students and Dean of the Graduate School that the student be dismissed from his or her graduate program. The Academic College Dean will make available all supporting evidence, including the findings of Judicial Council (if applicable) and official publications of appropriate professional standards.

The Academic College Dean will render his or her decision within seven days of receiving the formal recommendation. Regardless of the decision, the Academic Dean notifies the student in writing and copies the Dean of Students, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the International Center (if applicable).

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If the Academic College Dean formally recommends dismissal, the graduate student has 7 days from the written notice to respond to the Academic College Dean in writing copied to the Dean of Students and the Dean of the Graduate School. In his or her appeal, the graduate student will include any new or compensating information to be considered. While the case is under appeal, the graduate student may continue to register and/or attend classes until the time at which the final decision is rendered by the Graduate School Judicial Review Committee (see below).



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If the graduate student does not respond to the notice of pending dismissal from the Academic Dean, he or she is accepting his or her dismissal from the graduate program.



If the graduate student is dismissed from his or her graduate program, he or she may apply for admission to a different graduate program after 2 years or 4 academic terms. Copies of all correspondence relating to prior academic misconduct will be made a part of the new application.

OR

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When the graduate student has appealed his or her dismissal in writing, the Dean of Students will convene the Graduate School Judicial Review Committee which is comprised of the Dean of Students, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Graduate School Judicial Review Committee will review all of the evidence, and consult with any and all parties as appropriate.



The Graduate School Judicial Review Committee will

- 1) Accept the recommendation by the Academic Dean and dismiss the student from the graduate program;

OR

- 2) Reject the recommendation by the Academic College Dean and allow the student to remain in his or her graduate program.

Regardless of decision, the Vice President for Academic Affairs notifies the student in writing and copies all appropriate parties.

