

What We Do...

The Office of Ethics & Student Conflict Resolution is responsible for:

- Adjudication of violations of the Code of Student Conduct occurring on and off campus
- Maintaining student conduct records
- Oversight of conduct within the residence halls and training of the residence hall staff
- Advising the University Disciplinary Board
- Advising the University Student Court
- Advising the University Appeals Board
- Providing advocacy for students involved in the process
- Referring students to drug and alcohol education and counseling, stress management counseling, and anger management counseling
- Providing mediation and conflict resolution services
- Referring student to ethics education
- Assisting students, victims, parents, and others in understanding the student conduct process
- Verification of conduct records for background checks, employment, transfer applications, and study abroad programs

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Community Counseling and Crisis
Center/Rape Crisis Program
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Miami University Police
529-2222

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Office of the Vice President for
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*Guide to office
services and the
student conduct
process*

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What We're About...

Student discipline has been a topic of concern and debate throughout the history of higher education. Today, it seems to be a topic of even greater concern.

It is hard to imagine another single topic that is such a dramatic reflection of our attitudes and assumptions about the nature of our students, our relationship to them, and our role in their development. In addition, campus disciplinary processes tend to reflect the issues that swirl in the broader society.

The rules of this institution establish the necessary boundaries that define the values and standards of Miami. It is our belief that the process of student discipline is consistent with the fundamental values and objectives of our community. Further, our conduct philosophy and system are a positive force in helping Miami achieve its educational mission as well as helping students achieve their educational goals.

Our office seeks to provide an educational atmosphere through which the values and standards of Miami can be reinforced, students can learn to think critically and ethically about their decisions, and conflict can be resolved in an amicable and constructive manner.

Terms to Know...

Code of Student Conduct - The set of rules that govern the conduct of students at Miami University.

Procedural Review - A meeting with a staff member from OESCR* to review the conduct file, explain the process, answer questions, and clarify options.

Administrative Hearing - A hearing with a staff member from OESCR* to adjudicate Code violations.

Student Court Hearing - A hearing with a board of students to adjudicate Code violations (non-suspendable cases only).

Disciplinary Board Hearing - A hearing with a board of faculty and students to adjudicate Code violations (suspendable cases only).

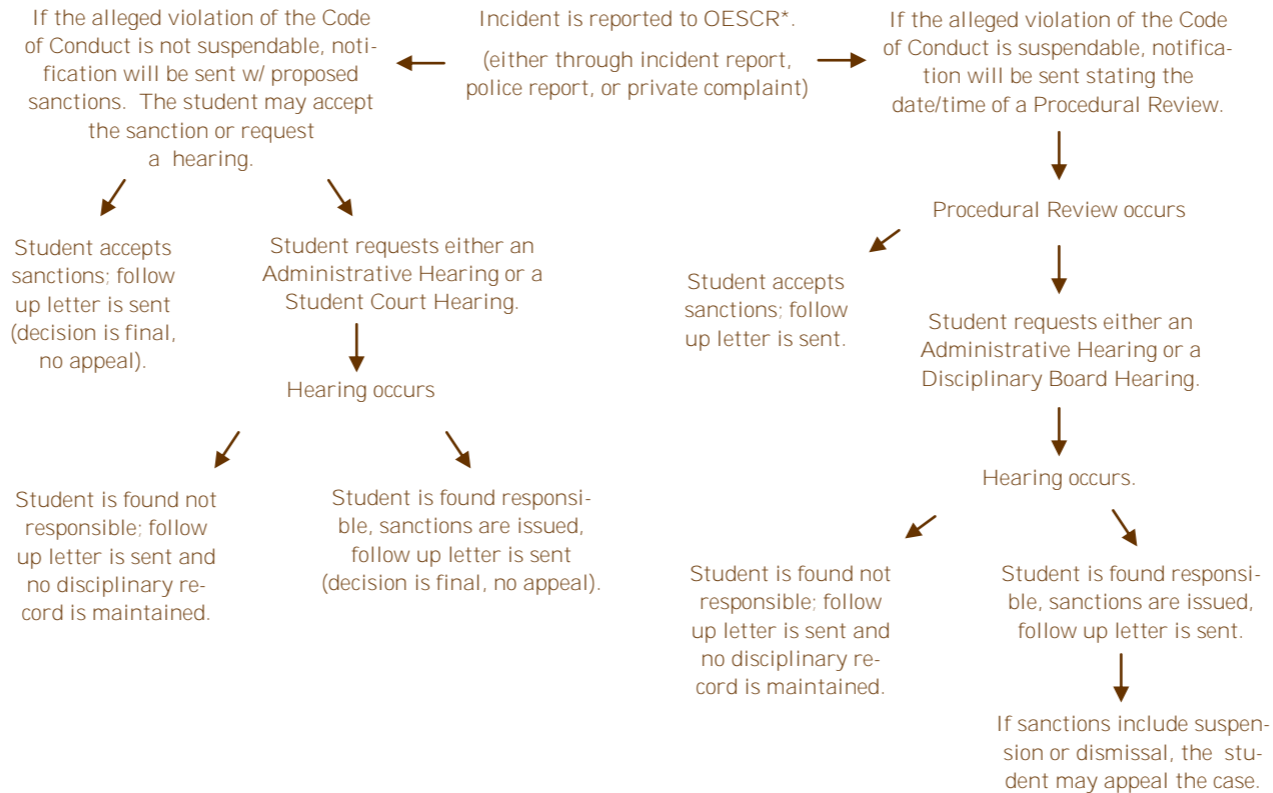
Sanction - An educational or disciplinary penalty received as a result of a violation.

Appeal - A request by a student for a decision or sanction to be reviewed. Appeals are only for those cases in which suspension or dismissal is the sanction.

FERPA - The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. A federal law that protects access to a student's records, including conduct records. Miami will only notify parents in the case of alcohol and drug violations where the student is under 21 and found responsible, which is permitted under FERPA.

www.units.muohio.edu/reg/FERPA/

The Student Conduct Process At Miami University



*Office of Ethics & Student Conflict Resolution

Frequently Asked Questions...

Can the University take disciplinary action against me for things that occur off-campus? *Yes, the University reserves the right to take disciplinary action based on conduct occurring on or off campus and between academic periods.*

Can I be tried in the municipal court and by the University? **Isn't this double jeopardy?** *The University may pursue disciplinary action even if criminal charges are incomplete, reduced, or dismissed.*

What kind of sanctions might I face for a violation of the Code of Student Conduct? *Sanctions range from a Written Warning through Dismissal from the University. Sanctions also include Probation, Suspension, educational classes, educational papers, community service, and others. Sanctioning decisions are made based on the nature of the violation and previous disciplinary history.*

Will violations appear on my record? *Disciplinary records are maintained confidentially by OESCR*. If a case results in a finding of "responsible", records are kept 7 years from the date of a finding. If a case results in a finding of "not responsible", records are maintained until the end of the academic year, but will not be considered as disciplinary history. The only non-academic sanctions that appear on an academic transcript are Suspension and Dismissal.*