

Hearing Types...

There are three types of hearings within the University student conduct process:

Administrative Hearing -

A hearing with a staff member from OESCR. Available for both suspendable and non-suspendable cases.

Disciplinary Board Hearing -

A hearing with a board of faculty and students. Available only for suspendable cases.

Student Court Hearing -

A hearing with a board of students. Available for non-suspendable cases only.

What type of hearing will I have?

Students may choose either an administrative hearing or one of the two types of board hearings listed above. While we cannot advise you on which type of hearing to choose, some of the reasons that students have for choosing one type over the other are; the desire to have student input in the decision, the comfort level of appearing in front of more than one person, and the concept of having more than one person making a decision.

Any of the hearing processes are fair and use the same general guidelines and same standard of evidence.

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Other Resources...

Student Counseling Services
529-4634

Community Counseling and Crisis
Center/Rape Crisis Program
523-4146

Miami University Police
529-2222

Office of the Dean of Students
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Office of the Vice President for
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Guide to the hearing process

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What's Behind the Process...

The process is designed to be educational in nature and, although parts of the process may mirror the criminal court system, the student conduct hearing process is an administrative function of the University that has its own rules, definitions, and practices.

Hearings are conducted in accordance with Section 404A, 404B, or 404C of the Code of Student Conduct. The purpose of a hearing is to determine, from the weight and credibility of the statements and information presented and by a preponderance of evidence, if a student is responsible for violating the student conduct regulations.

The student conduct hearing process at Miami University seeks to give students who have been accused of violating the Code of Student Conduct, and who wish to challenge that accusation, an opportunity to present information in their defense.

In addition to the information contained in this brochure, you may obtain additional information about the hearing process by reading the Code of Student Conduct, (www.muohio.edu/judicialaffairs) or by contacting a staff member in the office.

Assistance During a Hearing...

You are entitled to be advised at any hearing by a person of your choice. This could be a friend, family member, attorney, or student advocate (see below). Any adviser you choose is subject to the constraints of the hearing procedures in the Code of Student Conduct. Since our process is student centered, your adviser is there to advise you and not to engage in the hearing process.

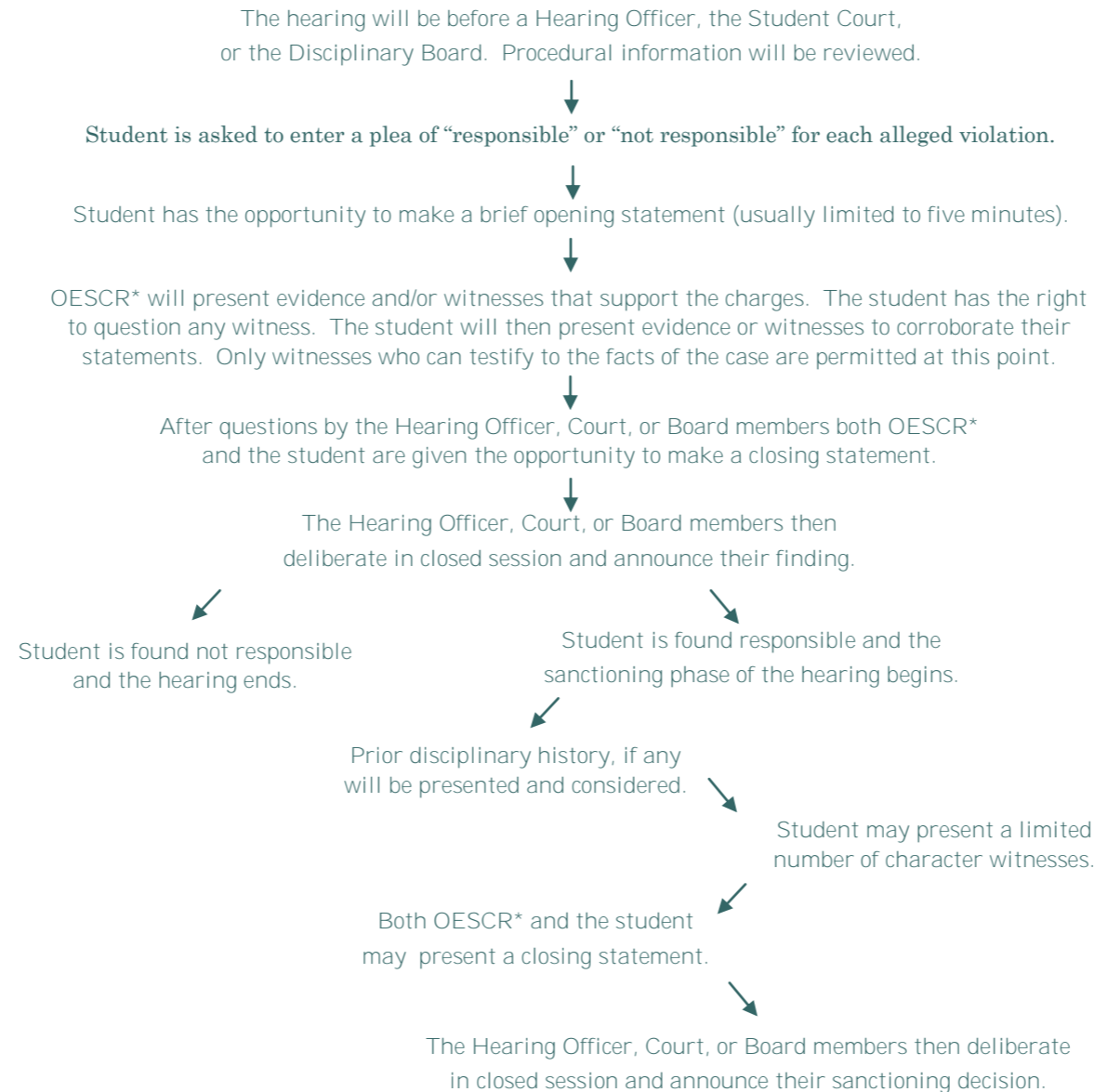
Student Advocate Program

The Student Advocate Program is designed to help students in the judicial process. Student Advocates serve as justices of the Student Court and volunteer their time to serve as Advocates.

Advocates are trained in the hearing process and although you are not required to use one, you are encouraged to contact an Advocate should you have any questions or concerns. An Advocate may also accompany you at a hearing. You may request the presence of an Advocate even if you are also advised by a friend, family member, or attorney. Advocates are volunteers and OESCR* does not take responsibility for the advice they offer.

If you would like advice/assistance from an Advocate please contact Kelly Ramsey, Hearing Officer (ramseyk3@muohio.edu).

The Hearing Process At Miami University (applicable to all hearing types)



*Office of Ethics & Student Conflict Resolution

Frequently Asked Questions...

Do I need an attorney? This is a personal choice. Many students resolve cases without an attorney but each student must decide for his/herself. Like any adviser in the process, attorneys can only advise you and not act for you in the hearing.

Do I need to bring witnesses? You are responsible for providing information to support your case and witnesses may help you in doing this. If a witness is not available at a hearing a written statement is acceptable. If a witness is a Miami University student and during a hearing takes responsibility for a violation of the Code of Conduct, they may be subject to disciplinary action. You may also provide character witnesses or statements during the sanctioning phase.

If I am not satisfied with a decision, can I appeal? Appeals are only granted for cases resulting in Suspension or Dismissal.

Can my parents attend the hearing? Your parents or other family members (limited to two) may attend the hearing with you for support. You may bring them even if you also have an adviser. While parents or other supporters do not play a role in the factual part of the hearing, you may call on them to make character statements.

What if I don't attend the hearing? If a student fails to appear and the absence is not excused, the hearing may proceed in their absence.