

FAQs Regarding Disciplinary Probation

Question: What does it mean to have an infraction on my “permanent record”?

Answer: Having an infraction on your permanent record means that the University maintains a record of your disciplinary infraction. If you are found responsible for a subsequent violation, it will likely result in a more severe penalty, especially if you are serving a term of probation when you commit the subsequent infraction.

Question: Is there a difference on what is included in my “permanent record” and what information the University will provide to a third party (such as a graduate school, medical school, law school or government employer) when requested to do so by the student?

Answer: Yes, if you authorize the University to release your disciplinary record to that third party, the University will provide to that third party information relating to suspension (not served), suspension, withheld degree, and expulsion. The University normally will not provide information to a third party regarding infractions resulting in disciplinary probation or an informal admonition such as a dean’s warning or a reprimand. However, if you are placed on disciplinary probation for a first infraction and have a subsequent violation resulting in suspension (not served), suspension, withheld degree, or expulsion (due in part to the fact that you were on probation), the information provided regarding the sanction may reference that you were previously on disciplinary probation.

Question: If I am on disciplinary probation, what does that mean? Is that information shared with anyone? Am I disqualified from holding leadership positions or participating in any programs?

Answer: When you are on disciplinary probation, your status as an enrolled student is not affected and you continue to take classes and participate in co-curricular activities. Generally, you are not disqualified from participating in any programs or activities or holding leadership positions in student organizations. However, a Varsity team may impose their own restrictions on a student for a disciplinary violation. In addition, disciplinary probation may be considered in the awarding of University prizes or the appointment of certain University leadership positions. On occasion, in cases involving interpersonal misconduct, restrictions on a student’s activities may be imposed. If you are a graduate student, your Director of Graduate Studies will be informed about the disciplinary probation. You should review *Rights Rules Responsibilities* and avoid any other infractions, as they will likely be penalized more severely.

Question: I am applying to graduate or professional school, and I need someone to fill out a “dean’s certification” form. Whom do I contact?

Answer: If you are an undergraduate student, you may contact Amy Ham Johnson, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students (amyham@princeton.edu), and Olga Ekshtut, Judicial Coordinator (oe5704@princeton.edu), to make this request. If you are a graduate student, you may contact Associate Dean Lily Secora (lsecora@princeton.edu).

Question: If I am asked by a graduate or professional school or prospective employer whether I was ever found responsible for a disciplinary infraction or whether I ever received any

disciplinary penalty, how should I answer that question if the only penalty I received was the non-reportable dean's warning, reprimand, or disciplinary probation?

Answer: You should always be honest. However, exactly how you answer this question is for you to decide. But we can advise you that if you authorize the University to release your disciplinary record to that third party, the University will not provide information about your infraction to these third parties where the penalty was a dean's warning, reprimand, or disciplinary probation (except in the limited circumstance described above).

Question: If I am requested by a graduate or professional school to disclose my disciplinary history and I have been suspended, received a withheld degree, or been expelled, what would you disclose to them?

Answer: If you authorize the University to release your disciplinary record to a third party and your record includes suspension (not served), suspension, withheld degree, or expulsion, we would typically write a letter with a short description of the infraction and the penalty you received. We typically include either the category of infraction or a description of the conduct and the penalty that was issued (if the penalty was suspension (not served), suspension, withheld degree, or expulsion). We also offer context around the infraction, as appropriate. For example, if you have had no other infractions in the remainder of your time at the University we would provide that information. If you have a particular request about how we describe the infraction, you may make that request and it will be considered.