



Understanding Your Rights Respondent



Students, whose alleged nonacademic misconduct is under review based on the University of Wisconsin System Administrative Code Chapters 17 and 18, have the right to the following:

- To review the Code and these procedures.
- To have an opportunity to speak with an investigating officer not involved in the investigation in order to respond to any questions and explain the process and procedures.
- To have written notice of the charges provided to the student within thirty (30) days of the report of misconduct being made, unless extenuating circumstances require a longer period of time.
- To be presumed not responsible until proven otherwise for violating the policies.
- To respond to the information presented and to question witnesses, through a hearing committee or hearing examiner. Respondents in disciplinary proceedings are expected to answer questions concerning their conduct. Disciplinary proceedings are investigatory in nature and the person or body reviewing the case needs to engage the respondent in discussion and dialogue in order to reach a result. If the respondent refuses to answer questions, a decision will be made based on the information presented. Students who alleged misconduct may subject them to criminal proceedings should consult with their own legal counsel regarding their rights prior to their hearing.
- To request a hearing to contest an adverse decision and/or sanction(s), as described in the applicable sections of the University of Wisconsin System Administrative Code Chapter 17.
- To appeal to the Chief Administrative Officer in cases of suspension or expulsion, as described in the applicable sections of the University of Wisconsin System Administrative Code Chapter 17.
- To reasonable access to the respondent's case file, which includes all information, to the extent permitted by confidentiality laws.
- To be accompanied or represented by an advisor of your choosing, which could include an attorney, at your own expense, throughout the disciplinary process as described in the applicable sections of the University of Wisconsin System Administrative Code Chapter 17.
- To seek counseling services through the University Counseling Center.