

#157.1 - Disruptive Behavior in Learning Environments

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Monitor: Vice President for Student Affairs

If, in the judgment of the instructor, librarian, faculty assistant or graduate assistant, students act in such a manner as to disrupt the normal academic functions in a classroom, lab, studio, library or learning environment (including an online learning system), the following actions may be taken:

1. If the student does not comply with a specific request to cease the disruptive behavior, the instructor, faculty assistant, graduate assistant, librarian, or other university employee may direct the student to leave the classroom, lab, studio, library or learning environment for that day. If the student refuses to leave, the employee may call the University Police for assistance.
2. If the disruption is extreme or continuous and associated with a course enrollment, the instructor may request an administrative withdrawal of the student. Only with the approval of the chair and dean will an administrative withdrawal occur.
3. Notification of a student's withdrawal from a course shall also be sent to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and the Office of the Registrar.
 - a. The student may appeal this decision to the to the Vice President for Academic Affairs within ten (10) business days. Such appeals may be in the form of a letter or email describing why the student believes the withdrawal should be overturned.
4. When a student has been withdrawn from a course, the instructor shall assign a grade according to University policy.

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the University from imposing disciplinary action for disruptive conduct in accordance with the provisions of the Student Conduct Code or accredited and/or graduate programs with established professional expectations.