

Suspension and Expulsion Information

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How are suspension and expulsion defined?

A. Suspension is a separation from the University for a specified period of time. Students are often expected to complete educational sanctions during that period of separation and potentially, upon return. Probation for the remainder of one's academic career often accompanies a period of suspension.

Expulsion is a permanent separation from NC State and the UNC system institutions, unless, at a later date, the Chancellor concludes on the basis of the former student's petition that he or she should be given a new opportunity to pursue higher education. (Code of Student Conduct Sections 9 & 11 and Student Discipline Procedures Section 9)

Q. How long will a suspension last and when will it apply to my transcript?

A. The minimum period of suspension is one semester, but may extend for several semesters. Suspension may be applied for the semester in which the violation occurred. Based on the timing of your hearing, this may result in separation from the University community for a whole semester or for a few weeks. The application of suspension may be impacted by your progress in the current semester and/or the timing of the hearing. For example, suspensions in the last week of classes may be applied for the following semester. Alternatively, hearings that could not be scheduled for the current semester may result in a suspension being retroactively applied to the previous semester. Suspensions may be longer than one semester for various reasons, including, but not limited to: aggravating circumstances, multiple policy violations, and/or previous disciplinary history.

Q. Does this disciplinary action show up on my transcript?

A. Yes. Both suspension and expulsion carry a transcript notation. Students who are suspended may petition to have this notation removed after the period of suspension has been served. Expulsion notations are permanent. (Student Discipline Procedures 8)

Q. What is the impact on my disciplinary record?

A. Suspensions and expulsions result in a permanent disciplinary record maintained by the Office of Student Conduct. Additionally, your name will be added to the UNC system database for suspended/expelled students (Student Discipline Procedures 8.3)

Q. What happens to my classes if I am suspended or expelled?

A. If the separation from the University occurs for the current semester, or is retroactively applied to a previous semester that you have already completed, your transcript will reflect a "W" for each course. In some academic cases, it is possible to receive a failing grade for a course in which academic misconduct has occurred and to receive "W"s for the remainder of your other courses. This action occurs once the decision has become final and the Office of Student Conduct notifies Registration and Records.

Q. What does this mean for my financial aid?

A. If you receive any type of financial aid you should schedule an appointment with your Financial Aid counselor. Each case is different and may have effects both in the short term and for the future.

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Q. Do I get a refund if I am separated from the University?

A. You may qualify for a refund. There is a refund schedule for tuition and fees that is posted in the University Cashier and Students Accounts Office. Refunds of tuition and fees are made consistent with that posted schedule and based on the effective date of the suspension or expulsion. Students may qualify for refunds for other fees, including fees from University Housing, Dining Services, or the Department of Transportation, among others. Students should direct questions about refunds directly to those offices.

Q. If I am separated from the University, can I be on campus for non-class events?

A. No. A suspension or expulsion means that you are trespassed from all University property as well as University-sponsored activities during the period of your separation. You may not attend athletic or social events. Permission to attend appointments to complete University business may be granted by staff in the Office of Student Conduct, which can be obtained by calling the main office prior to attending the appointment. Permission to attend those appointments will be restricted to the time and location of that University-related business. (Code of Student Conduct 9.5 and 9.6 and 11.3 and 11.4)

Q. Can I attend other schools while I am separated from NC State?

A. Maybe. Students who are expelled from NC State may not attend another UNC system school while their sanction is active. The decision regarding whether to allow a suspended student into another UNC school rests with that particular institution. Community colleges or other private institutions may allow a student to take courses while separated from NC State.

Q. If I go to another institution, can I transfer credits in when I return?

A. It depends on the courses. If you plan to take classes at another institution, it is recommended that you contact the appropriate academic department at NC State to verify that the course(s) you want to take will transfer. Only the academic department that will be accepting the credit can give you accurate advice on what courses will transfer.

Q. What do I do to return to class after being suspended?

A. First, you must have completed all sanctions with deadlines prior to the semester in which you are eligible to return. If you were in good academic standing when you were separated from NC State, you may then need to complete the Readmission process through Registration & Records and pay any necessary fees. If you were academically suspended, you will need to talk to a staff member in Registration & Records for additional information on the readmission process.

Q. If I was expelled, can I ever return to NC State?

A. Maybe. Once a student is expelled, he or she must wait for two full calendar years from the effective date of the expulsion and, at that time, the former student can petition for reinstatement. A student must be successfully reinstated at NC State before he or she could transfer to another UNC system institution. A fuller explanation of the reconsideration of expulsion can be viewed under Section 9 in the *Student Discipline Procedures*.

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Suspension/Expulsion Checklist

If you have been suspended or expelled, you may need to resolve the following issues before leaving campus:

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Make sure to check in with your academic advisor to let him or her know your status. They will be able to provide you with any specific information or action(s) you need to take before you leave.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

If you live in a residence hall, fraternity or sorority house, you will need to cancel your contract.

MYPACK PORTAL

Update your MyPack Portal with both a forwarding mailing and non-NC State email address. This will be helpful in corresponding with you during your time away.

TRANSPORTATION

If you have a parking pass for anywhere on campus, call Transportation Services to discuss cancellation and potential refunds.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are on an international student visa, please contact the Office of International Services in order to discuss your status and the impact it may have on your visa.

CASHIER'S OFFICE

Refunds of tuition and fees are consistent with the Cashier's Office posted schedule and based on the effective date of the suspension. Students should direct all questions about refunds directly to the appropriate offices/staff.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

If you receive any type of financial aid you should schedule an appointment with your Financial Aid counselor. Each case is different and may have effects both in the short term and for the future.

NCSU HEALTH SERVICES

Connect with Health Services in order to receive resources and referrals for continued offcampus care.

UNIVERSITY DINING

If you have a meal plan, you will need to cancel your current and future meal plan.

MISCELLANEOUS

Return any books or materials to the library and any other offices from which they originated.

Students who are facing a possible separation from the University may want to consult with these University offices prior to their hearing to discuss the possible impact of such an action.

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Back in the Pack

NC State is committed to helping you make the transition back to NC State. Please review the information below as you plan your next steps.

- Contact the **Office of Student Conduct** to discuss any outstanding sanctions and/or judicial holds on your student account. For other holds on your account, please contact those offices.
- Contact **Registration and Records** to discuss your readmission to NC State. Graduate students should contact Graduate Admissions directly.

Once you've been readmitted

- If you are eligible to live on campus, contact **University Housing** to discuss your options.
- If you are eligible, contact **Transportation** to register for a parking pass.
- Contact your **academic advisor** to discuss your return and registration for classes.
- If you took courses at another institution, speak with **Registration and Records** to determine potential credit transfers, if applicable.