

STUDENT FAQs

Student Rights and Responsibilities & Student Misconduct FAQ

General Understanding

- What are my rights as an Ivy Tech student?
- A: You have the right to a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environment. This includes freedom of expression, access to your records, fair treatment, and protection from discrimination or harassment.
- What responsibilities do I have as a student?
- A: Students are expected to act with integrity, respect others, follow college policies, and contribute positively to the college community.
- Where can I find Ivy Tech's official Student Rights and Responsibilities?
- A: [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities \(PDF\) Student Handbook](#)
These are also accessible through your MyIvy account.

Misconduct & Reporting

- What is considered student misconduct?
- A: Misconduct includes academic dishonesty (cheating or plagiarism), disruptive behavior, harassment, threats, drug/alcohol violations, and other conduct that violates college policy or law.
- What should I do if I witness or experience misconduct?
- A: You can report it using the [Student Conduct Reporting Form](#), or speak with the Office of Student Affairs (Office 140).
- Can I make an anonymous report?
- A: Yes, anonymous reports are accepted, but they may limit the college's ability to fully investigate or follow up.

Disciplinary Process

- What happens after a report is made?
- A: The Office of Student Affairs reviews the report, may investigate, and will contact involved students. If needed, a conduct meeting or hearing will be held.
- Do I get to share my side of the story?
- A: Yes. You will have the opportunity to respond to any allegations and present your perspective and evidence before a decision is made.



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- Who decides the outcome?
- A: Trained staff in the Office of Student Affairs make decisions based on available evidence and college policies, using the preponderance of evidence as the standard of proof (it's more likely than not that something happened—just over 50% certainty based on the information available).
- What are possible outcomes of a misconduct case?
- A: If a student is found responsible for violating college policies, possible outcomes may include a warning, educational assignments, probation, suspension, expulsion, or other appropriate actions. Sanctions are determined based on the specific situation and are intended to be educational rather than punitive.

Support & Appeals

- Can I bring someone with me to a conduct meeting?
- A: Yes. You may bring a support person (such as a friend or family member), though they may not speak on your behalf.
- What if I don't agree with the outcome?
- A: You may file an appeal by following the instructions in your outcome letter. Appeals are reviewed by a designated college official or panel.
- Will this be on my academic transcript?
- A: Typically, only suspensions or expulsions are noted on your transcript. Most other conduct outcomes are not.
- Can I keep attending classes during the process?
- A: Yes, unless the alleged behavior poses a significant risk to others, in which case interim measures may be taken.

Additional Information

- Who can I contact for questions or help?
- Rebecca McQueen-Ruark
- Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs
- Email: rmcqueenruark@ivytech.edu
- Office: Suite 140, Ivy Tech Evansville Campus
- Are there resources to help me understand my rights and responsibilities?
- A: Yes. Student Affairs staff are available to guide and support you.



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