

Academic Appeals

University Policy 2090

1 Section 1. Purpose

2 This policy ensures student rights in seeking waivers, exceptions, or other
3 remedies for issues that affect a student's academic success. The guarantee
4 and exercise of such rights contributes to the teaching and learning mission
5 of the university, in which students are encouraged to advocate for
6 themselves and their communities.

7 This policy governs appeals related to a student's academic requirements
8 and grades, including appeals of academic integrity findings or sanctions.
9 This policy does not govern appeals related to satisfactory academic progress,
10 which are governed by University Policy 2050: Undergraduate Academic
11 Standing.

12 This policy and its related procedure do not govern transfer appeals nor
13 registration appeals. Information about transfer and registration appeals can
14 be found on the university's website or by contacting Gateway Student
15 Services.

16 This policy and its related procedure do not govern appeals in matters related
17 to University Policy 1020: Student Code of Conduct.

18 Section 2. Definitions

- 19 • Academic Integrity: The expectation for academic honesty, detailed in
20 University Policy 2190, along with the consequences for violating those
21 expectations, detailed in University Procedure 219.
- 22 • Catalog: An annually updated comprehensive description academic
23 programs that includes program requirements for each award
24 program at the university. Catalog information is available to students
25 on the university website.
- 26 • Grades: Evaluative outcome of a student's completion of a registered
27 course or non-classroom-based learning opportunity for academic
28 credit, detailed under University Policy 2080.
- 29 • Graduation Requirements: Requirements outlined under University
30 Policy 2020.
- 31 • Program Requirements: Requirements outlined under university Policy
32 2010, the academic program catalog, and program handbooks.

33 Section 3. Policy

34 Students shall have the right to appeal program requirements, graduation
35 requirements, academic integrity findings, academic integrity sanctions, and
36 final course grades. Students are normally required to meet program and

37 graduation requirements based on the academic catalog at the time of they
38 were admitted to the university. Appeals may result in waivers, exceptions,
39 substitutions, or substantiations of requirements, findings, or sanctions. The
40 university shall maintain due processes for such appeals and may establish
41 separate processes for different types of appeals. For example, program
42 requirement appeals may be processed differently than academic integrity
43 appeals. Such processes shall designate an initial decision maker and at least
44 one level of further appeal. Processes shall include investigatory
45 requirements to hear both sides of the matter under appeal. Retaliation is
46 prohibited against any faculty, student or third party who participates in the
47 appeals process. Retaliatory appeals are prohibited. Information about
48 student rights to appeal, appeal processes, and how to support students in
49 exercising their rights shall be provided regularly to students, staff, and
50 faculty.

51 **Section 4. Authority**

52 This policy is issued pursuant to the authority granted under Minnesota State
53 Board of Trustees Policy 3.8, System Procedure 3.8.1, Student Complaints and
54 Grievances.

55 **Section 5. Effective Date**

56 This university policy shall become effective upon signature by the president,
57 and shall remain in effect until modified or expressly revoked.

58 **Section 6. Responsibility**

59 The provost or their designee is responsible for implementation of this policy.

60 **Section 7. Review**

61 This policy shall be reviewed every 5 years or as needed.

62 **Section 8. Signature**

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Date and Subject of Amendments: n/a

Additional History and/or Revision Dates: Procedure 202, Academic Appeals, was originally created without a corresponding appeals policy. Procedure 202 was last updated in 2014 and has been replaced by Procedure 209.