

College of Health and Human Services Student Rights Appeal Process

University policy grants all students an informal hearing at the division/department level if the student believes their academic rights have been violated. University policy also grants these students the right to a hearing at the college level, if they are not satisfied with the action at the division/department level. The student's request for a hearing at the college level must be submitted to the college prior to the end of the semester that immediately follows the semester where the alleged violation occurred.

In the College of Health and Human Services the hearing will be conducted by the Dean or the Dean's delegate. The student will be entitled to present evidence and documentation to substantiate the complaint. The complaint must specify the specific academic right violated. The Hearing Officer may request additional relevant information or documentation from the student, faculty, staff or other persons, and shall render a decision in writing. The decision may find that the violation was not proven, that the issue be returned to the division/department for resolution or that a specific remedy be granted.

Allegations of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, age, disability or veteran status shall not be heard, but shall be referred directly to the University Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer.

Student complaints of misconduct, inappropriate action or unfair process which do not qualify as violations of the specified academic rights will be reviewed by the Dean or Dean's designee as appropriate, but are not subject to this process.