

## SANCTIONS

Sanctions are disciplinary measures assigned to a student after they have been found responsible for violating College policy. Sanctions are part of the educational process and help to reinforce the standards of behavior at Buffalo State College.

Sanctions are based on the severity of the incident in question as well as any previous cases with the College Judicial System. Sanctions for a violation of the Student Code of Conduct range from a formal warning through dismissal from the college.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal and written warning
- Community Service
- Attendance at a training session
- Counseling
- Educational Sanctions/Restorative Sanctions
- Restitution
- Disciplinary Probation
- Social Probation
- Suspension/Expulsion.

For a detailed list of sanctions refer to the **Office of Judicial Affairs website.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***How will I know if I have to meet with a Judicial Affairs officer?***

You will be contacted by the Office of Judicial Affairs through your Buffalo State E-mail account.

***Do I need a Lawyer?***

No. Advocates are available to you free of cost. However, if you choose to obtain legal counsel it will be at your own expense.

***Am I going to get expelled from school?***

Sanctions are determined based on the severity of the violation. Expulsions are rare, but do happen. The Office of Judicial Affairs can provide more information.

***Can I appeal?***

Yes, any student found responsible for violating the code has a right to appeal.

For more information on the *Code of Student Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities*, please consult the Office of Judicial Affairs website.

### Compact for a Civil and Caring

#### Academic Community

At Buffalo State, the Compact for a Civil and Caring Academic Community describes how those who live, study and work together as members of our college community should treat each other: with civility and respect, with care and concern, and with a commitment to the academic purpose for which Buffalo State College exists. It is an understanding about what is right in our community – what behaviors contribute to achieving our mission, vision and core values.

The compact is meant to foster conversation, interaction, and reflection on behavior as a way to promote understanding of self and others in the context of a shared community. It should be used by anyone who wants to help promote the standards and expectations arising from its premise that Buffalo State is and should be a Civil and Caring Academic Community.

For more information about this compact please refer to the Dean of Students Website:

[buffalostate.edu/deanofstudents](http://buffalostate.edu/deanofstudents)

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# **BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE**



**OFFICE  
OF  
JUDICIAL  
AFFAIRS**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Office of Judicial Affairs at Buffalo State College is responsible for matters concerning infractions and violations of the Code of Student Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities. Students are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the rules of the student code of conduct handbook. Claiming not to know the code of conduct will not be considered a legitimate excuse or defense for violating college policy.

Buffalo State College has jurisdiction over misconduct that occurs on college premises, at college-sponsored activities or events, and off-campus behavior (if the behavior or the continued presence of the student impairs, obstructs, interferes, with or adversely affects the mission, processes, or functions of the college).

Example: A student that commits a criminal offense off campus may also be subjected to college discipline if the student is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

**Inform Yourself.  
Not Knowing is Not an Excuse!**

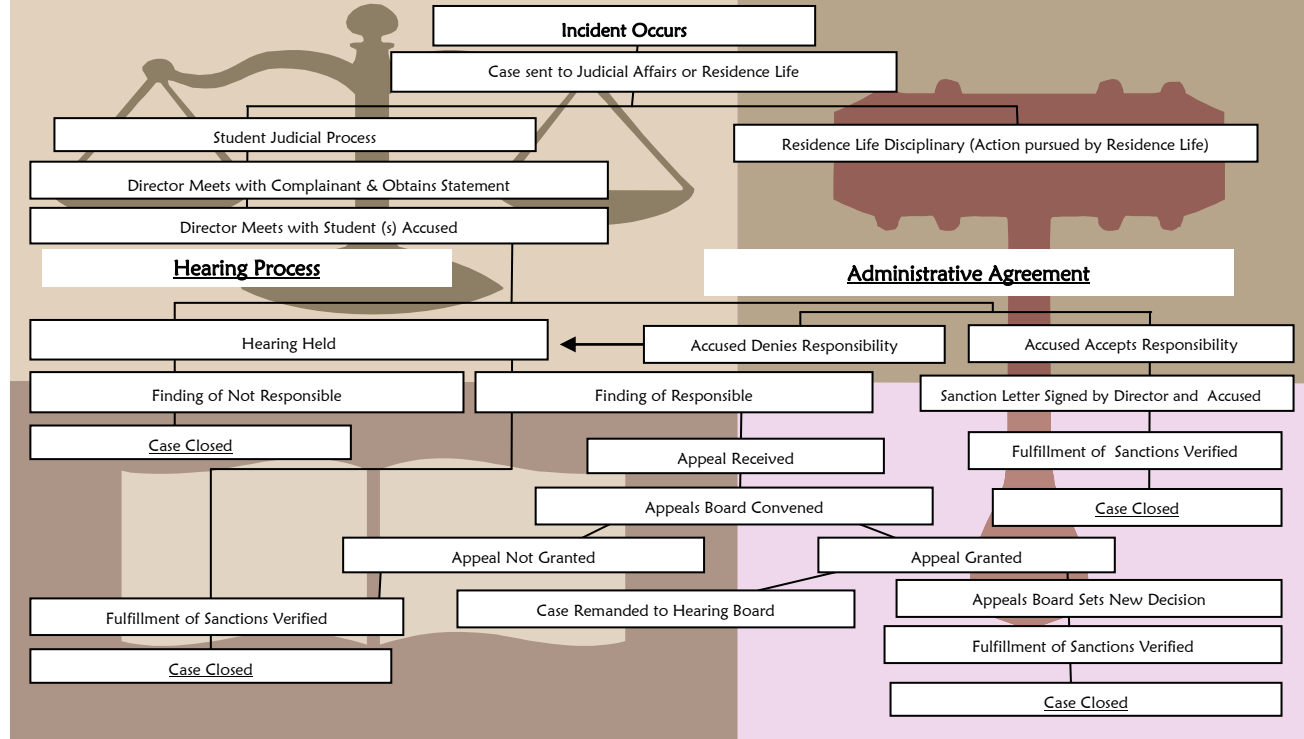
## JUDICIAL PROCESS

After a complainant form is received, a charge letter indicating what charges are being brought against the Student (s) Accused is sent to those involved.

The Student (s) Accused will then meet with the Director of Judicial Affairs and the following information will be addressed:

- An explanation of the charges and the Judicial Affairs process will be presented.
- The Student (s) Accused will be notified when a hearing has been scheduled via their student email account.
- Student (s) Accused will be informed of their right to an advocate. An advocate cannot speak for you at a hearing. They can only advise students regarding how to prepare for a hearing and how students should respond during the hearing.

## BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE STUDENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM



## JUDICIAL HEARING

You should appear at your Judicial Board Hearing. Please be aware that if you do not appear, the hearing will continue without your presence and input. In addition you will be required to follow any sanctions determined at the hearing.

The Hearing Board is comprised of seven (7) members from faculty, staff and students.

The board will hear testimony from both the Complainant and the Student (s) Accused, as well as from any witnesses for both parties.

It is the Board's purpose to gather as much information as possible concerning the case in order to determine if the Code was violated and who is responsible.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

The Office of Judicial Affairs strives to promote student accountability and instill a sense of civic responsibility through the enforcement of the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Freedoms. We encourage students to practice positive and productive behavior both in and outside of the classroom.

**Be a Safe and Responsible Bengal!**

