



RECONSIDERATIONS AND APPEALS

A. Reconsiderations

Students have the option to request that the Administrative Board or Honor Council, as appropriate, reconsider any of its decisions if:

1. new materially relevant information becomes available that was not available to the student through the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time of the review; or
2. there is reasonable evidence of a procedural error that may change the outcome of the decision.

Students who believe they have sufficient grounds for reconsideration should consult with their Resident Dean of First-Year Students or Allston Burr Resident Dean, the Secretary of the Administrative Board or Honor Council, or their Personal Adviser (a faculty member or officer of the University affiliated with the Faculty of Arts and Sciences).

All reconsiderations of a disciplinary decision must be filed with the Secretary of the Administrative Board or Secretary of the Honor Council, as appropriate, within one week of the decision, unless, within that week, the appropriate Secretary grants an extension of time. Ordinarily, students will have only one opportunity to request a reconsideration of a decision.

Once a student has been awarded a degree from Harvard College, the option to have the Administrative Board or Honor Council reconsider a decision is closed.

B. Appeals

Students required to withdraw or placed on probation for more than one term by the Administrative Board or Honor Council have two options to contest the decision:

1. They may ask the Administrative Board or Honor Council, as appropriate, to reconsider its decision (via the process and deadlines described in the “Reconsiderations” section above);
2. Additionally, they may appeal to the Faculty Council.

These students may still ask the Board or the Council, as appropriate, to reconsider a decision and, if unsatisfied with the response to the reconsideration request, may afterwards appeal to the Faculty Council. Alternatively, they may skip the reconsideration option and choose to appeal directly to the Faculty Council. However, once a student appeals to the Faculty Council, they forgo their reconsideration option. A student may appeal to the Faculty Council if:

1. the Administrative Board or Honor Council, as appropriate, made a procedural error that may change the outcome of the decision; or
2. based upon a review of the annual disciplinary statistics of the Administrative Board or Honor Council, as appropriate, the sanction imposed was inconsistent with the Board’s or Council’s usual practices and inappropriate.

Appeals to the Faculty Council must be filed with the Secretary of the Faculty. For students who asked the Administrative Board or Honor Council for a reconsideration, the appeal must be filed within one week of the decision regarding reconsideration. For students who did not ask the Administrative Board or Honor

Council for a reconsideration, the appeal must be filed within one week of the disciplinary decision of the Administrative Board or Honor Council. A student may not seek reconsideration following the filing of an appeal.

Appeals to the Faculty Council are first screened by the Docket Committee, a group of elected representatives of the Faculty Council. Further information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Secretary of the Faculty at secfas@fas.harvard.edu.

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In keeping with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a student with a disability who believes that the Administrative Board or Honor Council did not properly consider any claims pertaining to their disability may seek further review from the Director of University Disability Services, including in disciplinary case decisions. For information on grievance procedures, visit the University Disability Services website: <http://accessibility.harvard.edu/pages/grievance-procedures>.