



Office of the Dean of Students Student Rights Statement

Please review the *Code of Student Life* for a full listing of student rights and responsibilities. Available online at www.uncw.edu/COSL

STUDENT RIGHTS

All students are entitled to the following rights prior to a campus conduct hearing:

1. To a pre-hearing meeting with a university hearing officer where rights, responsibilities and procedures are explained.
2. To written notice of the charge(s). In the event that additional charges are brought, additional written notice must be forwarded to the respondent.
3. To review all available information, documents, and a list of witnesses that may testify against him/her. This is a continuing obligation of the complaining party and the dean of students/designee.
4. To choose an Administrative or Campus Conduct Board hearing. (The dean of students/designee may elect not to hear the case. The case would then be heard by the Campus Conduct Board or the Committee on Extraordinary Disciplinary Emergencies.)
5. To appear in person, hear all testimony and present any relevant information on their behalf, call witnesses and ask questions of any witnesses at the hearing.
6. To elect not to appear at the hearing, in which case the hearing shall be conducted in absentia (in the respondent's absence). A respondent who elects not to appear at a hearing may not be represented by a university advisor, licensed attorney or non-attorney advocate at the hearing.
7. To know the identity of witnesses testifying against them.
8. To a university advisor, licensed attorney or non-attorney advocate. In cases involving sexual misconduct, both the complainant and the respondent have the right to an advocate or advisor as well as a support person during the hearing. While the non-attorney advocate or attorney may participate to the same extent as the respondent or complainant, the support person(s) may not actively participate in the hearing.
9. To refuse to answer any questions or make a statement – however, the hearing body shall make its decision solely on the basis of information introduced at the hearing.
10. To have all statements, information or comments given during the hearing held in the strictest of confidence by the hearing body before, during and after deliberation.
11. To have the hearing conducted as outlined in the *UNCW Code of Student Life*.
12. To have one level of institutional appeal as outlined in the UNC Policy Manual 700.4.1.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Participants in the student conduct process have the following responsibilities:

1. To know and adhere to the UNCW Code of Student Life.
2. To be honest and complete in all information they provide in the process.
3. To attend all meetings or hearings in a timely manner.
4. For respondents to complete any imposed sanctions on time and consistent with the decision in their case.
5. To participate in a manner that is civil and respectful.