

## What is Disciplinary Probation?

The [Code of Student Conduct](#) outlines what each inactive disciplinary status means (beginning on page 33). *“Disciplinary Probation is a serious encumbrance on the student or student organization’s good standing in the University community and serves as a recognition that the student (or organization) is no longer in good disciplinary standing with the University. Disciplinary Probation will last at least one semester (eighteen academic calendar weeks) and any subsequent violations during the probationary period will be viewed as both a violation of University regulations and a violation of the probation. No more than three Disciplinary Probation sanctions may be imposed on a student prior to that student being removed from the University community, though the student may be removed prior to this condition. Student organizations are limited to three probationary sanctions in a four-year period prior to that student organization being removed from the University community, though the student organization may be removed prior to this condition.”*

*A student on disciplinary probation may not hold any elected or appointed office at the University and is ineligible for a sophomore housing exemption to move to a fraternity or sorority house. At the end of the disciplinary probation period, all lost privileges shall be restored.”*

**Below are answers to the most frequently asked questions about disciplinary probation.**

*What does probation even mean?*

Probation is a period of time in which you are “not in good disciplinary standing” with the University. That means that there are limits to what you can do, and privileges you may not be eligible to receive. For example, you can (and should!) still attend classes, register for courses the next semester, and change your class schedule. However, a student on disciplinary probation is not eligible for a sophomore housing exemption while they are on probation, the student cannot hold an elected or appointed position in a Registered Student Organization (RSO). There may be other implications for participating in ISU related activities or receiving benefits when you are not in good disciplinary standing based on various group or department standards.

*I am already on academic probation, isn’t this the same thing?*

No. Disciplinary probation has to do with your conduct record with the University. While academic probation is about your academic/classroom grades and performance. They are separate and have different implications.

*What about my sophomore housing exemption?*

The [Code of Student Conduct](#) states: “A student on disciplinary probation...is ineligible for a sophomore housing exemption...” University Housing Services is responsible for the exemption process, and more information can be found on their [website](#).

*I am a member of an RSO, can I still be in my RSO?*

Yes. You can still be a member of an RSO. However, if you have an elected or appointed position (President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary for example), you are not able to continue in that role.

*Can I keep my on-campus job?*

It depends. If a requirement of your position is that you are in good disciplinary standing, then no – because probation means you are not. We recommend you speak with your supervisor to find out what a disciplinary probation status would mean in your situation.

*Does this go on my permanent record?*

Often, students think there is a single record of everything they have ever done at a school/University. However, ISU maintains various records for various reasons. The one that most often comes to a student's mind is their transcript. Disciplinary actions are not part of the academic transcript at ISU. However, you will have a disciplinary record with the University (for 7 years once you return to good standing) and there is an electronic file in SCO that includes this matter. Disciplinary probation is noted in that file. SCO does not disclose disciplinary records without a release of information from the student, or if an educational need to know exists as defined in the [Family Education Rights and Privacy Act](#). For example, if you want to study abroad, one of the things you consent to is a disciplinary record check.

*I am on the executive board (e-board) in my sorority/fraternity...*

You can continue to be a member of your organization, but you are not able to continue serving on the e-board.

*I am on the e-board of my RSO...*

You can continue to be a member of your organization, but you are not able to continue serving on the e-board.

*But I want to go to grad school...*

Having a disciplinary record does not automatically keep you out of graduate school. Each school you apply to will have different expectations around disclosure of disciplinary records. Most schools have a question on their application asking about your disciplinary record at your undergraduate institution. You will need to review what they are asking and be sure to answer honestly/completely. Many times, there is a place to provide additional information, which we encourage you to do.

**If you have questions specific to your situation please reach out to the Student Conduct Office ([StudentConduct@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:StudentConduct@IllinoisState.edu)).**