

What is Restrictive Disciplinary Probation?

The [Code of Student Conduct](#) outlines what each inactive disciplinary status means (beginning on page 33). *“Restrictive Disciplinary Probation is a serious encumbrance on the student or student organization’s good standing in the University community, and indicates that a student or student organization is at a “near removal status” from the University. Any additional incidents in which the student or student organization is found in violation of the Code of Student Conduct would result in immediate removal from the University for a period of time and the possibility of additional sanctions. No more than one restrictive disciplinary probation sanction shall be imposed on a student prior to removal from the University community. Restrictive disciplinary probations may not be extended as a result of separate incidents.*

A student on restrictive disciplinary probation may not hold elected office, is ineligible for a sophomore housing exemption to live in a fraternity or sorority house and may not represent the University in any official capacity, including intercollegiate athletics, major extracurricular activities (including forensics, debate, plays and musicals) or student exchange programs. At the end of the restrictive disciplinary probation period, all lost privileges and eligibility shall be restored.”

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

What does restrictive probation even mean?

Restrictive Disciplinary 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 restrictive disciplinary probation is not eligible for a sophomore housing exemption while they are on restrictive probation, the student cannot hold an elected 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. Restrictive 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 restrictive 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 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 restrictive disciplinary probation means you are not. We recommend you speak with your supervisor to find out what a restrictive disciplinary probation status would mean in your situation.

What does “represent the University” mean?

There are various opportunities for students that involve their representing Illinois State University. For example, someone participating in Model United Nations goes as a representative from ISU. Student athletes represent ISU when they compete. Restrictive disciplinary probation means a student is not eligible to represent ISU in either of these circumstances. There are multiple ways a student may represent ISU, and if you have specific questions, you should speak with the coordinator of the program in which you want to participate.

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. Restrictive 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 if it is an elected position.

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 if it is an elective position.

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).