What’s the deal with…

A NON-ACADEMIC DISCIPLINARY RECORD?

According to the “Code of Student Conduct,” “any student, group, or organization found to have committed misconduct is subject to disciplinary action and to the sanctions outlined in this ‘Code.’” The “Code” outlines recommended minimum sanctions for each possible violation. These recommendations are considered along with the students’ previous history, as well as the nature of the offense and the extent of any damage, injury or harm resulting from it.

But what does that mean?

The University’s rules and policies regarding behavior are in place to uphold the standards of academic and community life at the George Washington University. Sanctions have been established to help students learn from their poor decisions. The files of students found in violation of any prohibited conduct will be retained as a disciplinary record.

How does that affect life at GW?

Students who are sanctioned with Disciplinary Probation, Deferred Cancellation of Housing License Agreement, Cancellation of Housing License Agreement, Deferred Suspension, Suspension or Expulsion, may be prohibited from participation in University sponsored activities and/or organizations. If you have a disciplinary history or are on Disciplinary Probation and/or the sanctions noted above, you may be prohibited from participating in the following experiences in our community: Studying Abroad, Colonial Inauguration Cabinet, Student Association, Center for Student Engagement and/or GW Housing as a staff member, etc. Additionally, those students applying for leadership positions on campus or to study abroad will be subject to a disciplinary background review.

A Non-Academic Disciplinary Record is…

a reflection of the incident(s) the student is involved in, the student’s violation(s) of the “Code of Student Conduct,” and the sanction(s) imposed upon the student by the University.

What if I have a disciplinary record?

Disciplinary records are communicated to third parties in accordance with University regulations and law. Disciplinary records are separate from other records maintained by the University, to include, but not limited to, GW Police Department incident reports.

Students may petition, no sooner than one year from the date of their disciplinary process, for an administrative expungement of their disciplinary record. This provision shall not, however, prohibit any program, department, college or school of the University from retaining records of violations and reporting violations as required by their professional standards; the University may retain, for appropriate administrative purposes, records of all proceedings regarding violations of the “Code of Student Conduct.”

How can the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities help?

Students may request their disciplinary record by submitting a Disciplinary Record Request on the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities website. Requests are usually answered within several business days. Students may contact SRR with any questions or for advice regarding their disciplinary history (i.e. how to fill out disciplinary/background check forms for employers and/or other institutions).

What is an Administrative Expungement?

According to the “Code,” “Disciplinary records may be removed… upon written request of the student, no sooner than one year after the finding of fact for the case. In deciding whether to grant the request, the Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities or designee will consider such facts as the current demeanor of the student, the student’s conduct subsequent to the violation, and the nature of the violation.” Students may apply for an Administrative Expungement by completing the request form on the SRR website.