| **Student Community Standards Committee (SCSC)** | The Committee is composed of multiple university officials, including at least three voting members representing the faculty and senior level administration.  
The Committee has one non-voting Chair who will organize the documentation and facilitate the hearing to ensure fair process.  
The Committee is trained in effective questioning, deliberation, and impartiality. |
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| **What do they do?** | The SCSC meets via formal teleconference with students who have been found responsible for violating the Student Community Standard of Integrity. These cases are severe enough that suspension or expulsion is a possible consequence.  
They review all documentation, and ask questions of the responsible student and any witnesses. They determine (by majority vote) the outcome and sanctions (if any) that are to be applied to the student as a result of their behavior. |
| **Student Responsibilities** | Respond to all requests made from the University throughout the Student Community Standards Proceedings.  
Provide a written response to allegation(s) at least 48 hours prior to the hearing date.  
Provide any additional documentation to the Hearing Chair at least 48 hours prior to the hearing date.  
Notify the Hearing Chair of any advisors who will be joining the student during his or her hearing at least 48 hours prior to the hearing date. |
| **Student Rights** | Receive written notice of the specific allegation(s) and Student Community Standards violation(s) in question at least 7 business days prior to the hearing.  
View all documentation related to the alleged violation(s) at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.  
To request an expedited hearing in lieu of the minimum day requirements.  
Have outcome determined by a majority vote of hearing members.  
Request transcription of hearing audio.  
Be notified of outcome within 7 business days of hearing.  
Opportunity to request an appeal the outcome of hearing based on the criteria outlined in the current Ashford University Academic Catalog. |
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