ACADEMIC POLICIES

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Selection of a Major

Undergraduate students admitted to the NYU Tandon School of Engineering are encouraged to declare their major upon admission, although incoming first-year students may initially enter as "undeclared" students. First-year students wishing to consider several program options are encouraged to use their first semester to explore major fields in consultation with departmental advisers. While their first-year curriculum is nearly uniform for all engineering majors and similar for other majors, students who choose to delay selecting their major until the end of the first year must select courses in consultation with their academic advisers.

Students are free to change their major at any time, given that their academic standing is acceptable to the program to which they wish to transfer. However, changes in major may involve loss of credit and additional time to complete the degree. Students entering NYU Tandon with an undeclared major must declare any currently offered undergraduate major by the end of their first year.

Double Majors

Tandon students are eligible to complete a second (non-primary) major in a distinct discipline other than their primary declared major, both within the Tandon School of Engineering and at other undergraduate schools of NYU (except the School of Professional Studies). Declaring a second major is an option for all undergraduate students at Tandon as long as they are in good academic standing and receive approval from authorized personnel from both academic departments. Specific requirements for each major are determined by the two departments' undergraduate academic advisers, undergraduate program directors, or department heads, in conjunction with the Tandon Office of Undergraduate Academics and the Tandon Office of Records and Registration. Students are required to complete all degree requirements for each major; some courses may be double counted towards both majors at the discretion of both academic departments.

Tandon students may not declare a second major at another NYU School if a similar major, in name and content, is offered at Tandon. For example, Tandon students may not double major in computer science at CAS. Similarly, Tandon students interested in a second major in math must declare the double major in math at Tandon; they cannot double major in math at CAS.

It is important to be aware that declaring a second major will likely increase a students’ time to completion at NYU and can impact financial aid. More information and instructions can be found on the NYU Tandon Non-primary (Double) Major Declaration (https://drive.google.com/file/d/19WY752AFygPKwl7_N007x8Zk0K0rxG2W/view/) form and the Double Major Completion (https://drive.google.com/file/d/19WY752AFygPKwl7_N007x8Zk0K0rxG2W/view/) form.

Selection of a Minor

A minor is an approved concentration of academic study within a single discipline. In specified programs, undergraduate students may select a minor in a field distinct from, or related to, their major, with approval of advisers in both the major and minor fields. The name of the minor appears on students’ transcripts if the approved coursework in the minor field have been completed with at least a 2.0 GPA. With the consent of a student’s major department, some courses used to satisfy the minor requirements may also satisfy the required or electives course requirements in the student’s major program.

NYU Cross-School Minors

Visit the NYU Tandon Minors (http://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/minors/#NYU%20Cross-School%20Minors) webpage for more detailed information on the cross-school minors (https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/undergraduate/minors/#chapter-id-26777) available. NYU Tandon students have the opportunity to minor at other schools of NYU except the School of Professional Studies. Likewise, students matriculated at the School of Professional Studies are not permitted to declare a minor offered at Tandon. An undergraduate student may minor in a discipline not typically offered at NYU Tandon. If a similar minor, in name and content, is offered at Tandon, students must receive permission from the specific academic department at NYU Tandon that offers the similar minor in order to enroll in such a minor at NYU outside of Tandon. With the consent of a student’s major department, some courses used to satisfy the minor requirements may also satisfy the required or electives course requirements in the student’s major program. Students must follow all policies, procedures and academic timelines of the respective NYU school.

Students must consult their major academic adviser to determine the applicability of courses towards their NYU Tandon degree. Students will need additional credits than the minimum required to satisfy their degree requirements if courses taken for a minor at NYU do not meet the requirements specified by a student’s program of study. For each course taken, students must obtain approval from their NYU Tandon academic adviser as well as the corresponding academic department at NYU Tandon.

Note that declaration of a minor does not constitute guaranteed enrollment in any classes; registration timelines and deadlines need to be strictly followed.

Residency Requirement

To satisfy the residency requirement for the BS degree, NYU Tandon School of Engineering students must complete a minimum of at least half of the required credits at Tandon in approved Tandon coursework. Departmental advisers will assist students in selecting courses required for degree completion. In addition, students must complete their final semester’s worth of credits at the University, unless approved for a special term abroad (with the approval from their academic department and the Office of Undergraduate Academics via the Final Semester, Study Abroad Permission (https://airtable.com/shrEo72t6b8QWh3PU/) form). In regards to Tandon minors, one-half of the coursework must be completed at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. All transfer credits are subject to the NYU Tandon School of Engineering’s transfer credit policies and processes.

Outcomes Assessment

NYU Tandon School of Engineering conducts outcomes assessments to monitor students’ academic achievement, effective teaching methods, institutional improvements, and to ensure compliance with accreditation standards. To obtain periodic measurements of student perceptions and intellectual growth, undergraduate students are asked to participate in surveys, focus groups, interviews or related activities. While individual input is collected, the data from these assessments are published in aggregate form. Undergraduate students must complete online course surveys for all courses in which they are registered each semester (except guided studies and courses in which the enrollment is fewer than
six students). Graduating seniors must complete exit surveys online. Any additions to or exceptions to this requirement are disseminated to the campus community each semester by the Office of Assessment and Institutional Research. Compliance with outcomes-assessment activities is traditionally a precondition for receipt of semester grade reports, transcripts, and degrees.

Transfer and Articulation Agreements

Transfer Credits from other Undergraduate Institutions
Students who have completed undergraduate coursework at other universities prior to beginning their studies at NYU Tandon School of Engineering are encouraged to request to transfer credits over to their NYU degree. NYU Tandon awards transfer credit for relevant courses completed satisfactorily at other accredited institutions. Students transferring into the NYU Tandon School of Engineering must have all outside transcripts examined by the Undergraduate Admissions Office and an adviser from their major department to determine the acceptability of individual substitutions and general acceptance of credits from their former institution(s). Much of this can be accomplished during the application process if the student’s record is complete. All evaluations of transfer credits must be completed by the end of the student’s first semester of registration at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. Some programs may choose to delay approval of transfer credits until students demonstrate satisfactory progress at Tandon.

Undergraduate transfer credit is not given for any course in which a grade less than C or equivalent has been earned. In addition, students completing a course at NYU Tandon for which transfer credit already has been given automatically forfeit the transfer credit for that course. The University does not award transfer credits for gym or physical education courses. Transfer credit is not awarded for classes that were completed pass/fail or for credits that were earned 10 years or more from the students entering term to NYU Tandon. The maximum number of credits that can be granted is half of the degree; students must still meet the residency requirements after credit transfer.

The contents and standards of courses vary from university to university. Thus, some transfer students find that after a semester’s work at NYU Tandon, they are better prepared for advanced courses if they re-enroll in a course at NYU Tandon for which they have been given transfer credit. Students may be required to enroll in such a NYU Tandon course after consulting with their academic adviser. In some instances, course requirements may be waived for students who demonstrate sufficient knowledge of specific course content through either written or oral examination given by the academic department offering such course. In such cases, no credit is awarded, but students are allowed to submit a more advanced course to satisfy degree requirements. This approach differs from the Credit by Examination policy.

Grades of courses for which transfer credit is given are omitted in computing a student’s cumulative or current semester GPAs.

The receipt of transfer credit is subject to the discretion of the corresponding academic department, the Tandon School of Engineering, and the larger New York University.

Articulation Agreements
To provide students with alternative pathways to a BS degree from the NYU Tandon School of Engineering and to facilitate the transfer process, the School has developed cooperative programs with other institutions. Students completing approved programs at these institutions with sound academic achievement are guaranteed admission to the School. Students interested in learning more about the cooperative programs should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Currently, the NYU Tandon School of Engineering offers an articulation agreement with Brooklyn College.

Articulation with Brooklyn College
The present articulation between Brooklyn College and the NYU Tandon School of Engineering is for the first two years in the fields of Civil, Chemical, Computer, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering. Further information may be obtained from Brooklyn College (https://www.brooklyn.edu/physics/undergraduate/engineering/) or NYU Tandon’s Office of Academic Affairs.

Transfer Credits While in Residence
Undergraduates at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering are expected to complete all coursework at the School. Exceptions are rare and only made in cases where Tandon does not offer courses integral to the attainment of students’ academic goals.

To obtain credit for courses taken elsewhere while enrolled at NYU Tandon, students must obtain written permission from the major academic adviser, the department head of the course for which transfer credit is requested, and the Office of Academic Affairs. This must be done before registering for the course at another institution. Forms for such permission are available on the NYU Tandon Forms (https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/registration/registration-forms/) webpage.

The following requirements apply to all courses taken outside of NYU:

- The outside institution must be accredited.
- Grades earned must be C or better for undergraduate courses.
- Pass/fail courses are not acceptable under any conditions.
- Only credits are granted; grades are omitted in computing cumulative or current semester GPAs.

Credit for Courses at Other Institutions or Schools/Divisions of New York University
Undergraduate students at the Tandon School of Engineering may complete coursework in other undergraduate divisions of New York University or outside institutions and have credits for these courses applied to their degree. Courses outside of Tandon require review from the students’ academic adviser. Non-NYU courses require preapproval from the corresponding academic department, the students academic adviser, and the Tandon Academic Affairs Office.

Students may take a total of 4 courses or 16 credits in other divisions.

Students seeking additional credits beyond the 4-course limit must inform their departmental advisor, who must request approval for these additional courses/credits via an academic memo management (AMM) form. Exceptions may be made for students who are interested in completing more than 4 courses/16 credits only in extenuating circumstances.

Students must discuss with their departmental adviser before registering for courses in any other divisions of NYU or outside universities. Without consultation with and preapproval from an academic adviser, courses in other divisions that duplicate the contents of an NYU Tandon course or independent study courses will not count towards the Tandon degree. If a course is not preapproved, students will not receive credit for it. Students are encouraged to consult with their academic adviser regarding applicability of such courses towards degree requirements.
Students' first cross-school minor, study abroad coursework, and courses offered at or by other schools that are required for a major at Tandon do not count towards this 4 course/16 credit limit. In addition, this 4 course/16 credit limit does not apply to test credits and transfer credits that a student earned prior to attending Tandon. Excluded from credit toward the degree are also any courses taken in the School of Professional Studies once a student is matriculated into Tandon.

**Grading**

Computing the Grade-Point Average (GPA)
The Office of the Registrar determines the GPA of undergraduate students according to the following numerical values assigned to letter grades:

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In computing GPAs, the NYU Tandon School of Engineering does not consider or count courses graded W, I, S, or U toward the total credits passed or earned. GPAs are computed by multiplying the numerical grade in each course by the number of credits for each course, adding these products for the courses taken and then dividing this sum by total number of credits represented by courses considered.

The W and I grades are described in greater detail in subsequent sections. Grades S or U are used to indicate progress in multi-semester research projects or theses, or for non credit-bearing remedial or other courses. Passing grades in P/F courses do not count towards the GPA. However, F grades received in a P/F graded course will count towards the GPA. Undergraduates enrolled in graduate courses may not receive grades of D or AUD.

Course Withdrawal: The W Grade
Students may withdraw from a course or courses without academic penalty until the published withdrawal deadline of that particular term. Students should process their own withdrawals online via their Albert Student Center. No preapprovals are required, but students are encouraged to consult with their academic advisers as withdrawing from certain courses may delay their planned graduation date. When the course duration varies from the norm, such as in six-, nine- or 12-week courses, withdrawal must be completed before two-thirds of the sessions are completed. Withdrawals must be processed online by 11:59 p.m. on the withdrawal deadline indicated on the published Academic Calendar (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/academic-calendar.html). Withdrawn courses remain on the student's transcript with a grade of W and are not calculated into the GPA. Once entered on the student's record, a W cannot be changed to any other grade. An F grade is recorded for any student who ceases to attend a course without formally withdrawing in the required fashion by the required deadline. The F grade will count towards a students GPA. Students are also encouraged to consult with Financial Aid before withdrawing from a course, as it may affect their status and eligibility for aid.

Auditing Classes
Undergraduate students may be allowed to audit certain classes in order to fill the gap which may exist in their prior coursework. Approval of the academic department is required prior to auditing a class. The credits for the course do not count as a part of the student's semester credit load. Students auditing a course will not receive a grade for the course and the course will be annotated by AUD without counting towards student's GPA calculations. Students who decide to audit a class must do so during their initial registration for the class by filling out the add/drop form available from the Office of the Registrar; this option cannot be changed once selected. These courses cost the same regardless of it being audited or not and must still be paid for in full.
Incomplete Grades

If a student has not been academically engaged (attending classes and submitting assignments) for a significant portion of the current semester, an Incomplete grade is not appropriate and should not be assigned. Incomplete grades are typically reserved for students who experience an emergency issue, medical or personal, that prevents them from completing the last few weeks of class. In such cases, the professor should speak with the Office of Student Advocacy (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandum/student-life/student-advocacy/) and the Office of Graduate Academics (https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/graduate/) to discuss appropriate options. If an Incomplete grade is deemed appropriate by all parties, the instructor and the student must develop a detailed plan for completion that includes a specific submission date of all outstanding work. This date should typically not extend past the beginning of the next semester to ensure that students continue to make satisfactory academic progress, as this can impact probationary status, immigration status, and timely completion of degree requirements. An Incomplete grade converts to an F if the student fails to complete the work within the specified completion timeline, or by 180 days (maximum) after the end of the semester in which the student was enrolled in the course. Please note that the resolution of Incomplete grades should not typically extend to the full 180 days, as this is the maximum allowed, and should only be permitted in rare circumstances/occasions. All Incomplete grades must be converted before graduation.

The issuance of a grade of Incomplete should be rare, and should not be assigned to students who have planned poorly or overloaded themselves academically. If the resolution of an Incomplete grade would require a student to participate in the course or any part of the course a second time, even if they do not officially register, then an Incomplete should not be given. Per NYU policy, students are not permitted to attend a class in which they are not officially registered. In such cases, the student should instead be counseled to withdraw from the course and speak with their Academic Advisor about next steps. If the student reregisters for a course in which an Incomplete grade was given, the Incomplete grade will be administratively converted to an F.

Repeating Courses

If an undergraduate student takes a course two or more times, only the second and subsequent grades will count toward their GPA. This policy holds regardless of the first and second grades earned, even when the second grade is lower than the first. The repeated course must be taken within one year of the first course, or at the first time it is offered, where a course is unavailable to repeat within one year. If the student first repeats the course more than one year after taking it initially, and the course has been offered, all grades earned in the course will be counted in the student’s GPA. If a student earns a passing grade and subsequently fails the course, the passing grade can be used to satisfy degree requirements.

No undergraduate course may be repeated more than twice or completed more than three times, for a total of three attempts. If a student earns an F grade in each of their three attempts in a prerequisite course or a degree requirement, the student is then academically disqualified.

Change of Grade

Grades on file with the Registrar at the end of the semester, with the exception of incomplete (I) and temporary grades (S or U), are considered final unless an error in calculating or recording the grade is discovered, or if it is determined that the student was graded unfairly due to personal prejudice. No correctly reported final grade may be changed based upon re-taking an examination or the completion of or submission of additional work beyond the last day of the term. Incomplete (I) grades are handled according to the policies described under Incomplete Grades. Temporary grades (S or U), used for continuing projects, thesis or dissertation, will be converted to standard letter grades upon completion of the project, thesis or dissertation. Once recorded with the Registrar, these grades are treated as all other final grades. If an error in calculating or reporting a grade is discovered, the instructor will submit the change of grade request to the Department Chair. Upon approval of the Department Chair, the request will be submitted to the Academic Affairs Department for approval. Any incorrectly assigned grade must be corrected within one semester.

Grade Appeal Process

Final grades may be appealed only under the following circumstances:

a) If there has been an error on the instructor’s part in calculating or recording your grade
b) If the student believes that the instructor graded unfairly due to personal prejudice.

The instructor’s judgment of the quality of a student’s submitted work may not be appealed.

If a student believes they have received an inappropriate grade, based on the criteria enumerated above, they may appeal in writing to the instructor for a grade change. The deadline for appealing a grade to the course instructor is the add/drop deadline of the semester following the semester in which the grade was given. The instructor will consider the appeal and respond to the student in writing, stating their reasons for their decision and copying the Department Chair. If the instructor agrees with the appeal and decides to change the original grade, they must submit a grade change request in Albert. The grade change will need to be approved online by both the Department Chair and the Academic Affairs Department.

A student may appeal an instructor’s decision in writing to their Department Chair, using the same criteria detailed above. A chair may not substitute their own judgment of the quality of a student’s work for that of the instructor’s. The chair will review the submitted evidence, consult with the instructor, and render a decision in writing, stating their reasons for their decision and copying both the student and the instructor.

The student or instructor may appeal the chair’s decision in writing to the Student Affairs Committee, a standing committee of the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. The only possible basis of such an appeal are that the Department Chair did not review the submitted evidence, did not consult with the instructor, did not render a decision in writing, or there is evidence of personal prejudice on the part of the chair. The committee will review the submitted evidence and render a final, written decision in the matter. There is no appeal of a decision rendered by the Student Affairs Committee.

Academic Standing and Progress

General Academic Standing

To remain in good academic standing, undergraduate students must maintain term and cumulative GPAs of 2.0 or greater. In addition, students must successfully complete a minimum number of credits for each semester of full-time study, excluding summers and mini-sessions. In the case of part-time students, a semester indicates the point at which 12 or more credits are undertaken. Thus, the first semester of study ends when 12 credits are accumulated; the second semester is calculated from that time onward until 24 credits are accumulated. According to
these semester equivalents, grade-point requirements for part-time students follow those for full-time students.

The minimum number of cumulative credits to be achieved by the close of each semester of full-time study appears in the following table.

### Minimum Credits and Minimum GPA Required by Semester of Full-Time Study

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better or performance approaching 2.0 in a steady and realistic fashion. The table below contains the absolute minimum cumulative GPA to be achieved by the close of each semester of full-time or full-time equivalent enrollment.

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1. Any time a student’s cumulative GPA falls below 1.5 they are placed on Final Probation regardless of how many credits they have completed.

In calculating the number of successfully completed credits:

1. Courses for which a student received an F grade do not count toward the minimum credits earned.

2. If a student receives an F grade in a course which they repeat within one academic year, their GPA will be recalculated using the second grade earned and the first grade of F will be removed from the GPA calculation.

3. Credits with an I grade will be counted toward enrollment for 180 days. Thereafter, any I grade that has not been changed by the instructor on record will automatically become an F grade.

4. Credits assigned a W grade do not appear in the calculation of credits undertaken, earned or successfully completed.

5. Transfer students will enter this table from the point at which their transfer credits place them.

The Office of Academic Affairs regularly monitors all undergraduate students, reviews their academic records after each semester, and informs students’ academic adviser or other representatives from the their major department of the results of that review. Students identified as being in academic difficulty may not register for more than 12 credits per semester unless otherwise approved by their adviser. Students in academic difficulty are placed on academic probation following the steps and actions described below.

### Academic Probation

Students are placed on academic probation when:

1. their semester and/or cumulative GPAs fall below 2.0, but remain above the minimum standards as outlined above or
2. their number of successfully completed credits falls below the minimum standards as outlined above.

Students falling into these categories are notified and directed to meet with their advisers. Students placed on academic probation are limited to a maximum of 18 credits per semester while on probation, unless otherwise approved by their adviser and the Office of Academic Affairs.

All first-year, first-time probationary students must enroll in SL 1020, the Academic Skills Seminar. The seminar consists of eight one-hour sessions, meeting weekly and taken on a pass/fail basis. SL 1020 helps students develop and enhance an awareness of their individual learning styles, study skills and time management techniques so they may be more successful students and return to good academic standing. Topics include establishing a mind-set for success, discussing career opportunities, setting goals, managing time, overcoming procrastination, learning study and test-taking skills and self assessing. SL 1020 is offered in small, interactive group sessions to support students as they develop strategies for academic success.

### Terminal Probation

Students whose academic record indicates an unacceptable level of academic progress may be placed on terminal probation. Notified of their standing, these students must meet with their adviser to determine a study program and are limited to a maximum of 12 credits while on terminal probation to improve their academic performance. Should a terminal probation student need additional credits to satisfy the full-time requirement, they may be allowed to register for another course with the approval of their adviser and the Office of Academic Affairs, but will be limited to a maximum of 14 credits. Academic Disqualification results from failure to improve performance and to meet the minimum progress requirements as outlined in the minimum-progress table above.

### Disqualification

The Academic Standing Committee, comprised of members of the Office of Academic Affairs, faculty and a representative of the student’s major department, shall jointly disqualify from the School any student whose cumulative GPA or number of credits successfully completed falls below the approved minimum shown in the above table for two consecutive semesters. Additionally, a major department may disqualify a student at or above the minimum listed if it is indicated that continuation will not lead to a successful completion of degree requirements. If a student is disqualified, they will be notified via e-mail.

Extenuating circumstances, such as serious medical problems (physical or psychological), must be documented by the Office of Student Affairs and can lead to a one-semester waiver of these criteria. Performance in the subsequent semester must meet minimum standards. Such arrangements must be made with the head of the major department and the Office of Student Affairs.

No undergraduate course may be repeated more than twice, for a total of three attempts. If a student earns an F grade in each of their three attempts in a prerequisite course or a degree requirement, the student is then academically disqualified.

### Academic Warning

Students whose midterm grades show they are in danger of failing a course receive e-mails of academic warning. The e-mails provide guidance for the student and invite them to meet with their academic adviser to discuss their academic performance and what steps to take to complete their course(s) successfully.

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Disqualification Appeal
Students who would like to appeal their academic disqualification may begin the appeal process immediately. Students must begin the disqualification appeal process a minimum of three weeks before the first day of classes of the semester immediately following their disqualification. If students do not begin the appeal process by this deadline they must wait until the next semester before they can reapply for readmission to the University and initiate the appeal process.

Class Standing for Undergraduates
Students are classified at the end of each semester by the Office of the Registrar on the basis of earned and/or approved transfer credits as follows:

- Freshman: 1 - 31.5 credits
- Sophomore: 32 - 63.5 credits
- Junior: 64 - 95.5 credits
- Senior: 96 or more credits

Academic Year Full Time
Undergraduate students registered for 12 or more credits per semester are categorized as full time. The normal course load for full-time undergraduate students is 14-18 credits.

For certain types of attendance and enrollment certifications, some students who are registered for less than 12 (undergraduate) credits may be certified as full-time specifically undergraduates pursuing Institute-authorized full-time, full-semester co-op work assignments. A form to establish full-time equivalency is available from Tandon Forms (https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/registration/registration-forms/) webpage.

Academic Year Part Time
Students registered for less than 12 credits per semester during a fall or spring term are categorized as part time. Part-time students pay tuition at the prevailing per-credit rate and are ineligible for most financial assistance and scholarship programs.

Summer and J-term
Students may register for up to 8 credits during each six-week summer term and for no more than 16 credits for the combined 12-week summer term. 6 credits for a given summer term is considered full-time status.

Leave of Absence and Withdrawals

Leave of Absence

The NYU Tandon School of Engineering expects its students to maintain continuous registration in an academic program. However, the School recognizes that it is sometimes necessary or desirable for a student to take a leave from enrollment for a period of time. Should extenuating circumstances necessitate time away from the university, students are encouraged to consider a leave of absence. The duration of the leave will be a minimum of one academic semester, or an equivalent four month period, to a maximum of two academic semesters or the equivalent in months (8 months). A leave does not extend the time period permitted for obtaining a degree. The Leave of Absence policy may not be used in lieu of disciplinary action to address any violations of University rules, regulations, policies, or practices, nor may it be used in lieu of academic probation or disqualification.

Medical Leave of Absence
If a student and physician agree that a medical leave of absence is in the student’s best interest, a physician should make a recommendation to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering for a withdrawal from the semester and a leave of absence. To officially request a leave, the student must submit a Medical Leave of Absence Request Form (https://engineering.nyu.edu/sites/default/files/2018-09/MLOA%20Request%20Form.pdf), along with appropriate supporting documentation, to the Office of Student Affairs, which is located in the Dibner Building (5 MetroTech Center).

A request for a medical leave of absence must be accompanied by documentation from a health care provider and may require additional evaluation by the Medical Services Division of the Student Health Center. A leave is official only after the student receives final written approval from the Department of Student Affairs. This letter will clarify the steps necessary for reentry into the School of Engineering. Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Advocacy (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandon/student-life/student-advocacy/) within the Student Affairs Department regarding inquiries related to medical leave of absences.

Psychological Leave of Absence

If a student needs to request a psychological leave of absence, he or she must schedule an appointment with a counselor at the University Counseling and Wellness Services Center (https://www.nyu.edu/students/health-and-wellness.html).

Should the student and counselor agree that a leave of absence is in the student’s best interest, the counselor should make a recommendation to the Department of Student Affairs at Tandon for a withdrawal from the semester and a leave of absence. To officially request a leave, the student must submit a Medical Leave of Absence Request Form (https://engineering.nyu.edu/sites/default/files/2018-09/MLOA%20Request%20Form.pdf) to the Office of Student Advocacy (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandon/student-life/student-advocacy/).

A leave is official only after the student receives final written approval from the Department of Student Affairs. This letter will clarify the steps necessary for reentry into the School of Engineering. Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Advocacy (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandon/student-life/student-advocacy/) regarding inquiries related to psychological leaves of absences.

Personal Leave of Absence

A personal leave of absence may be requested for reasons unrelated to medical or psychological conditions. Personal leaves are voluntary and apply to issues related to national service or personal circumstances. NYU Tandon is committed to handling requests for personal leaves in a reasonable manner. Please note that personal leaves will not be granted for graduate students who are not in good academic standing with the University.

To officially request a personal leave of absence, the student must submit a Personal Leave of Absence Request online via the Albert Student Center.

A personal leave is official only after the student receives final approval from the Office of the University Registrar. This letter will clarify the steps necessary for reentry into the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. Please feel free to contact the Office of Records & Registration (http://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/records-registration/) regarding inquiries related to personal leave of absences.

Applying for a Leave of Absence

As a general rule, leave of absences must be requested prior to the first day of the classes. Thereafter, requests will be evaluated on a case-by-
Accordingly, students have up to eight years to complete the degree requirements using courses that meet current standards in the field.

**Interruption of Study**

Contact information for relevant offices can be found below. Certification of one as an enrolled student for the purpose of loan deferral. The deadlines relevant to returning students. Students receiving federal loans are responsible for meeting all financial aid and housing requirements, University housing, and future student status. While on leave, students should be aware that a leave of absence may affect financial aid, University housing, and future student status. Students on leave of absence are not permitted to receive credit for any coursework completed outside of the university while on leave.

**Returning from a Medical Leave of Absence**

If the reason for a leave was medical or psychological, the student must follow the steps outlined in the letter provided by the Office of Student Advocacy (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandon/student-life/student-advocacy/). If a student is granted a personal leave of absence does not need to submit a formal application for readmission as long as they return to Tandon within the agreed-upon time. Any student who fails to resume studies after the expiration of an approved leave of absence will be discontinued and would have to apply for readmission. Readmission is never guaranteed.

**Important LOA Related Issues**

Students should be aware that a leave of absence may affect financial aid, University housing, and future student status. While on leave, students are responsible for meeting all financial aid and housing deadlines relevant to returning students. Students receiving federal loans (SSL, SLS, and Perkins) should note that a leave of absence does not certify one as an enrolled student for the purpose of loan deferral. The contact information for relevant offices can be found below.

- **NYU Housing** - If students reside in University housing, they should contact the NYU Housing at housing@nyu.edu to determine how the leave may impact your housing license and future ability to participate in the housing lottery.
- **Financial Aid** - Students are advised to find out how the leave of absence may affect their scholarship and financial aid award. Please contact the Financial Aid Office (https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships.html) within StudentLink (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-centers-and-spaces/studentlink-center.html) or at financial.aid@nyu.edu to clarify their responsibilities and status.
- **Tuition** - If a student is granted a leave after the semester has begun, the same graduated refund schedule applying to withdrawal from classes is in effect. For the graduated refund schedule and policies, please refer to the Refund Schedule (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/bills-payments-and-refunds/refunds-and-withdrawals.html) posted online. The refund schedule is strictly enforced.
- **Office of Global Services** - International Students should contact the Office of Global Services (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandon/international-students/) immediately for information regarding visas and exit deadlines.

**Time Limit Extension**

If a student has exceeded or is about to exceed the eight-year limit and has not yet finished their degree requirements, they need to appeal for an extension in order to finish the remaining courses. To appeal, the student must consult with their academic adviser and fill out the Time Limit Extension (https://engineering.nyu.edu/sites/default/files/2018-07/extension-time-limit-appeal-form-tandon.pdf) form, located on the NYU Tandon Registration Forms (https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/registration/registration-forms/) webpage. All courses remaining in order to complete their degree must be listed and the timeframe in which they will be completed.

The form should then be signed by their academic adviser and the Office of Undergraduate Academics before it is submitted to the Office of Records and Registration.

**Continuous Enrollment**

All students are required to be continuously enrolled each fall and spring semester until graduation. Students that do not enroll for a term and do not formally file for Leave of Absence in the NYU Albert Student Center are automatically discontinued. Students discontinued due to non-enrollment must apply for readmission. If readmission is granted, students will be governed by the catalogue and rules effective at the time of readmission and the terms and conditions of the readmission.

**Total Withdrawal**

Undergraduate students must notify the Office of Records and Registration (https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/registration/) if they elect to withdraw from the University prior to the published deadline and during a semester in which they are registered. No total withdrawal is official unless the online form, which is available via the Albert Student Center, is submitted and approved by the Office of the Registrar. Mere absence from courses does not constitute official withdrawal, but will lead to F grades recorded for courses not completed. To receive W grades for the semester, the withdrawal must be completed by the withdrawal deadline indicated on the academic calendar.

**Involuntary Withdrawal**

NYU Tandon School of Engineering is concerned about the health, safety and well-being of its students. Students judged to be a threat to themselves or to others may be withdrawn involuntarily from the Tandon School of Engineering. The school seeks, whenever possible, to allow such students to continue as active students if they agree to undergo professional care. Full details on this policy are available from the Department of Student Affairs.

**Automatic Withdrawal**

Undergraduates who do not file a formal leave of absence and who are not continuously enrolled are automatically withdrawn from the University. Students in this category must apply for readmission. If
readmission is granted, students will be governed by the catalog and rules in effect at the time of readmission.

**Readmission**

Students applying for readmission must apply through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Applications for readmission will be sent to the student's academic department for evaluation. The academic department in consultation with the Department of Academic Affairs will determine whether the student is eligible to continue their studies at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

**Internships**

**Internship Policies and Guidelines**

The majority of undergraduate internship courses are designated by CP-UY. That being said, some departments have their own internship courses that are designated with the departmental subject area. Students should confer with their departments which course is the most suitable for their request.

These courses provide an opportunity for students to pursue internship and work experiences in varying fields of study that enhance and augment classroom learning, while also enhancing the overall educational experience by obtaining practical experience.

**Eligibility and Requirements: Students**

F-1 international students are required to complete at least two semesters of full-time study in the United States (U.S.) to be eligible for internship authorization. This may include time spent studying at another U.S. institution, including completion of a bachelor's degree immediately prior to studying at NYU. Please contact the Office of Global Services for details on F-1 internship eligibility (http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-visa-and-immigration/current-students/employment-and-tax/curricular-practical-training.html). These requirements do not apply to domestic students.

All undergraduate students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50, as reflected on their academic transcript. Students cannot enroll in internship courses if they have an incomplete grade in any course from a prior semester. Students cannot enroll in a subsequent internship course if they have an Incomplete or a Fail grade from a previous internship course. Students are allowed to complete a maximum of 6 credits of internship, via either CP or a departmental internship course.

**Eligibility and Requirements: Work Experiences**

During the academic year, work experiences must be at least 10 weeks long. During the summer, they must be at least 6 weeks long. Additionally, the work experience must be a minimum of 120 hours. Start and end dates need not coincide with the first and last day of the semester, but must fit within the semester in order to ensure that final reports may be submitted and grades may be submitted in a timely manner.

During the academic year, students cannot work more than 20 hours per week while classes are in session. During the summer, however, students are permitted to work full-time. Work hours should be discussed and agreed upon by the organization, the student, and the academic department.

Work experiences must comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act (www.dol.gov/whd/flsa). As such, students must be paid at least minimum wage unless specific exceptions apply. The Department of Labor outlines a six-point test (www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs71.htm) regarding unpaid internships. Employers should consult their legal counsel for more information.

If receiving payment, students must be hired as employees of the participating organization and must be paid directly by the organization using a W-2 form. Employers cannot pay students as independent contractors using an IRS 1099 form.

Employers must agree to assign a responsible, ranking employee as the student's supervisor. This individual will provide appropriate supervision and mentoring, including establishing clear goals and expectations regarding tasks and projects. Employers must be willing to submit written midterm and final evaluations of the student's work. Experiences will not be approved for companies that are not permitted to submit written evaluations. Employer supervisors must review the student's final report so that proprietary and/or confidential information can be removed.

**Internship Procedures**

All undergraduate students should follow the procedures put forth by their academic department in order to receive approval for the internship and enroll in an internship course. Students must obtain an offer letter on organization letterhead from the prospective employer. This letter must identify the company, its address, contact information, the student's job title, and start and end dates of the internship.

Students will submit their offer letter and other required documents to their departmental adviser who will identify a suitable faculty adviser. The faculty adviser will be responsible for all academic matters related to the work experience. The faculty adviser will evaluate the relevancy of the work experience and, if approved, will direct the student to register for the appropriate internship course. Upon approval, students must submit internship information to the Department of Academic Affairs via the Undergraduate Internship Form (https://airtable.com/shRlItVJhLLFaorTu/).

For approved International students, the faculty adviser will provide the Office of Global Services (OGS) with all relevant information in order to process work authorization. International students cannot begin working until they have received work authorization.

The company supervisor must provide a midterm evaluation and a final evaluation to the faculty supervisor. The student will submit a project report at the end of the term. Some departments or programs may also require a presentation. The report (and presentation, if required) will be included as a part of the assessment for the student's grade. Faculty advisers will provide guidelines for the reports.

With the faculty adviser's approval, consecutive work experiences may be completed with the same employer. Students must complete the same registration process and follow all procedures for re-applying and enrolling in another internship course. International students must obtain prior permission from OGS for every period of employment. International students are not authorized to work during the interim period between the end of their prior CPT and the beginning of their next even if they will have an internship with the same company; this jeopardizes their visa status. Review the CPT guidelines (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/office-of-the-president/office-of-the-provost/office-of-life/office-of-studentaffairs/office-of-global-services/faculty-and-staff-resources-to-support-international-students1/guidelines-for-academic-departments/current-practical-training.html&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1667328462532442&usg=AOvVaw3jSHy_;U7-a_jPSQ9H) regarding unpaid internships. Employers should consult their legal counsel for more information.

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Placement Exams

Course Placement Evaluation

NYU Tandon course placement evaluations are intended to ensure that each student receives the most pertinent instruction in areas necessary to successfully complete their degree program. Placement evaluations may supersede the results of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations and/or acceptable transfer credits from another institution of higher education as determined by the designated adviser and the department offering the course.

Mathematics Diagnostic Examination

The Mathematics Diagnostic Examination is an extensive test to profile students’ knowledge and skills in basic and advanced mathematics. The Mathematics Department uses the scores on various components of the exam to place students in relevant mathematics courses. Incoming first-year students (excluding those with AP/IB credit) are placed into MA-UY 914 Precalculus for Engineers or MA-UY 1024 Calculus I for Engineers.

Writing Placement

Incoming students will be automatically placed into EXPOS-UA 1 Writing as Inquiry. A first day in-class writing sample will be used to determine if any students should be changed to EXPOS-UA 4 International Writing Workshop I.

International students who are flagged for the English-language survey will be required to take an online diagnostic exam.

Credit by Examination

Undergraduate students with an outstanding record or with specialized competence may establish a maximum of 16 credits toward the baccalaureate degree by passing comprehensive examinations. Each department determines the courses in which such an examination is available and the examination format. Students must obtain the approval of the department giving the course, the department of major study, and the Office of Undergraduate Academics.

A grade of B+ or better is required to achieve credit by examination. Students registering for or attending a course at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering may not subsequently take the examination for credit for the course or for a course with similar content. The examination may be taken only once.

Students pay a fee to the Office of Records and Registration (http://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/records-registration/) before each examination and will receive the form to take the exam after making the payment. The course and credits are posted on student’s permanent record without a grade and do not count toward the minimum-residence requirement for the bachelor’s degree or toward the GPA.

Graduation

Graduation Checklist

Academic advisers of undergraduate students nearing completion of their degree requirements receive a graduation checklist that lists courses in progress and courses remaining to be completed for the degree. After the list is approved by the major academic department, the student receives an e-mail notifying them of their graduation status.

Application Process for the Bachelor of Science

To be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree at NYU Tandon School of Engineering, students must file a formal graduation application via the Albert Student Center (http://albert.nyu.edu/). Application deadline dates are published on the University Registrar’s website. Students who do not file by the published deadline date become candidates for the next conferral period.

Degrees are certified and diplomas issued three times a year, typically in January, May, and September. Commencement is held once a year, usually in May. All work for the degree must be completed and submitted before the graduation date.

Diplomas

Diplomas are mailed to the student about eight weeks after the degree conferral date. Diplomas are issued only once, subject to rare exceptions made on a case-by-case basis. Replacement diploma procedures and fees are published on the University Registrar’s website (http://nyu.edu/registrar/graduation/diplomas.html). Replacement diplomas for the NYU Tandon School of Engineering will be printed with the school name at the time of the student’s graduation.

Transcripts

The issuance of transcripts and generally the release of any information about a student are subject to the provisions of Public Law 93-380, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. Unless NYU Tandon School of Engineering’s disclosure policy permits otherwise, official transcripts of the scholastic record are issued only upon the submission of a written request or upon the submission of a signed release from the student.

Unofficial transcripts are available to students through the Albert Student Center. Those students without access to Albert may submit a written request for an unofficial transcript. A fee is charged for each unofficial or official transcript issued. Transcripts (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/transcripts-certifications-grades/transcripts.html) can be requested online.

NYU Tandon School of Engineering reserves the right to withhold a transcript if a student fails to meet financial indebtedness to the school.

Upon graduation, students should review their transcripts carefully and report any errors to the Office of the Registrar before the record is sealed.

Participation in Commencement

All students are permitted to participate in both the New York University Commencement Ceremony and the NYU Tandon School of Engineering Commencement Ceremony in May of each year.

There is a Dean’s Exception for the All-University Commencement whereby graduation candidates who have no more than two courses outstanding to complete their degrees may petition their school’s Department of Student Affairs for eligibility to participate as long as these courses are completed by the end of the summer. Read more about the Dean’s Exception policy and process on the NYU Commencement website (http://www.nyu.edu/life/events-traditions/commencement/eligibility.html).

The NYU Tandon School of Engineering will follow the same guidelines set by the Commencement Office for participation in the May ceremony as a Dean’s Exception. That is to say, if a student is deemed a Dean’s exception for University-wide Commencement Ceremony, they are also permitted to participate in the NYU Tandon School of Engineering Commencement Ceremony. Please note that students with more than two courses outstanding will not be granted an exception and
will be able to graduate in either September or January dependent upon when they complete their degree requirements. Please visit the NYU Registrar’s Graduation website (http://www.nyu.edu/registrar/graduation/graduation/graduation-deadlines.html) for exact dates. Those students will then be able to participate in the May ceremonies of the following year.

Dean’s Exception Forms will be available to NYU Tandon School of Engineering students at the Office of Student Life and Services (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandon/student-life/office-student-life-services/#chapter-id-29659) each spring semester.

Degrees with Honors
The NYU Tandon School of Engineering adheres to New York University’s Latin Honors requirements. Latin Honors are given to Baccalaureate degree recipients who have achieved a high cumulative grade point average (GPA) and satisfied the school’s residency requirements.

The GPA cutoffs for each category are determined by the combined GPA distribution from the preceding academic year. The cutoff for summa cum laude is the GPA included with the top five percent of the previous year’s graduating class. The cutoff for magna cum laude is the GPA included within the next 10 percent of the previous year’s class. The cutoff for cum laude is the GPA included within the next 15 percent of the previous year’s class.

The cumulative grade point average and residency requirements for Latin Honors are published on the University Registrar’s Latin Honors site (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/graduation-and-diplomas/graduation-honors.html#latin_honors). Please refer to the figures associated with the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

Standards of Conduct and Disciplinary Measures

Preamble
Academic communities exist to facilitate the process of acquiring and exchanging knowledge and understanding, to enhance the personal and intellectual development of its members, and to advance the interests of society.

In order to realize these goals, community members must not be subject to a disruption of the community’s educational mission and social activities. They must be free from unreasonable interference in the exchange of concepts and ideas. They must be free from the threat of personal injury, bias or harassment, and intimidation or coercion. They must be free from the threat of damage to or loss of their property.

At the same time, members of the academic community have a responsibility to uphold the goals and good order of the academic community through personal integrity, honesty, and respect for others.

This Code of Conduct (http://bulletin.engineering.nyu.edu/content.php?catoid=17&navoid=1366#Polytechnic_Institute_of_NYU_Code_of_Conduct) is concerned, in particular, about the rights and responsibilities of the student in the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

Program of Enforcement
A. The function of the Office of Student Advocacy in the Office of Student Life and Services at the Tandon School of Engineering and the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards at NYU is to support the educational mission of the University through efforts to preserve the social and academic integrity of the University environment and to facilitate the academic, professional, and personal growth of students by addressing and resolving issues involving students whose behavioral choices negatively affect themselves and the community.

B. Academic misconduct and issues of academic integrity arising from academic programs and activities will be reviewed by faculty members in cooperation with the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services, the Office of Student Advocacy at the Tandon School of Engineering, and faculty members of the Student Affairs Committee (SAC), depending on the nature and circumstances of those matters and in accordance with the policies and procedures of NYU Tandon School of Engineering. See Section III.

C. Non-academic misconduct, as outlined in the University Student Conduct Policy (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/university-student-conduct-policy.html) and other University-wide policies of a non-academic nature, shall be addressed under the University Student Conduct Procedures (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-community-standards/studentconductprocedures.html) as administered by the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

NYU Tandon Policies and Procedures on Academic Misconduct
A. Introduction: The Tandon School of Engineering encourages academic excellence in an environment that promotes honesty, integrity, and fairness, and students at the Tandon School of Engineering are expected to exhibit those qualities in their academic work. It is through the process of submitting their own work and receiving honest feedback on that work that students may progress academically. Those who breach the School’s rules on academic integrity may be subject to sanctions, up to and including dismissal, suspension, or expulsion from the University under this Code. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with this Code.

B. Definition: Academic dishonesty is any act of misrepresentation, deception, dishonesty, or falsification committed by a student to influence a grade or other academic evaluation. Academic dishonesty also includes intentionally damaging the academic work of others or assisting other students in acts of dishonesty.

Students should review the class syllabi for more details to obtain a clear understanding of any further specific rules or standards of academic misconduct.

Common examples of academically dishonest behavior include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Cheating: intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized notes, books, electronic media, or electronic communications in an exam; talking with fellow students or looking at another person’s work during an exam; submitting work prepared in advance for an in-class examination; having someone take an exam for you or taking an exam for someone else; violating other rules governing the administration of examinations.

2. Fabrication: including but not limited to, knowingly falsifying experimental data and/or citations.

3. Plagiarism: intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise; failure to attribute direct quotations, paraphrases, or borrowed facts or information.
4. Unauthorized collaboration: working together on work that was meant to be done individually.

5. Duplicating work: presenting for grading the same work for more than one project or in more than one class, unless express and prior permission has been received from the course instructor(s) or research adviser involved.

6. Forgery: altering any academic document, including, but not limited to, academic records, admissions materials, or medical excuses.
   • Forgery or other misrepresentations or omissions in the admissions process is also prohibited by NYU; procedures and practices for addressing such instances are set and implemented by NYU's undergraduate admissions and the respective Tandon graduate program admissions unit.

C. Procedures for review (at class, departmental, and Student Affairs Committee level) of allegations of academic misconduct: When a student is suspected of academic dishonesty, the following action must be taken. Note that all time frames in these procedures may be extended in appropriate circumstances at Tandon's sole discretion.

1. If a course instructor suspects a student has engaged in behavior that violates this Code of Conduct, or if a course instructor has been notified of an alleged act of academic dishonesty by a proctor, a third party, or the Department Chair, evidence of that dishonesty must be collected and presented to the student via email within a reasonable time frame within the semester the offense occurred, generally within a 7 day period.

2. After the evidence of misconduct is presented to the student via email, the course instructor shall conduct a meeting (in person or virtually) with the student to discuss the allegations and proposed sanction, generally within 10 business days.
   • At such a meeting, the course instructor should explain their reasons for suspecting that an act of academic dishonesty has occurred and confirm the results of the discussion in writing, generally within 48 hours.
   • The student should be given an opportunity to respond. The student will have 7 business days to respond to the instructor regarding the allegations via email.
   • If a student does not respond within the 7 business day period, the instructor will assign the proposed sanction and notify the Office of Student Advocacy about the matter.

3. If, after the meeting, the course instructor becomes convinced that the student is not responsible for a violation of academic integrity, then the accusation shall be dropped and no record will be sent to the Office of Student Advocacy. The professor will confirm this via email with the student in question.

4. If the student admits dishonesty, the course instructor shall render a decision and impose a sanction listed in Sections III.D 1-3 of this policy, generally within 48 hours.
   • If the course instructor believes the imposition of a sanction listed in Sections III.D 1-3 of this policy effectively addresses the matter, the instructor should impose such a sanction and notify the student via email along with the Chair of the department and the Office of Student Advocacy, generally within 48 hours of the initial discussion and admission of dishonesty.
   • If the course instructor believes the nature of the admitted action warrants a sanction that exceeds their authority to impose (i.e. Sections III.D 4-6), the course instructor may refer the matter to the Department Chair for review. In doing so, the course instructor should provide the Department Chair with a memo describing the allegation and the evidence in the matter supporting the proposed sanction, generally within 48 hours of the initial discussion and admission of dishonesty.

5. If the student denies the dishonesty or if the student feels the imposed sanction is excessive, the course instructor shall refer the matter to the Department Chair for review, providing the Department Chair with an email describing the allegation and the evidence in the matter generally within 48 hours of the initial discussion and denial of dishonesty.

6. After receiving the email, the Department Chair shall meet with the student, generally within 7 business days of receiving the evidence email and attempt to find a resolution.

7. Should the Department Chair not be able to reach a mutually agreeable resolution within 7 business days after the meeting, or if the student continues to deny academic dishonesty, or if the student believes the imposed sanction is excessive, then the issue will go to the Student Affairs Committee (SAC).
   • The Department Chair will inform the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services in writing of the basis for the allegation of academic misconduct. The Associate Dean of Student Affairs will inform the Office of Student Advocacy, as well as the Student Affairs Committee about the matter.
   • Within 7 business days after receiving notification from the Department Chair, the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services, or their designee, will gather the relevant facts and evidence and will prepare a case for a Student Affairs Committee hearing. The hearing should generally be held within 10 business days of receipt of the case materials.
   • Prior to a SAC hearing, the results of the investigation and the related evidence will be supplied to the SAC members via NYU secure messaging.
   • All those involved in the hearing (for example, the accused student, identified here as the respondent; the course instructor, identified here as the complainant; the witnesses) will be notified by the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services of the date, time, and location of the hearing at least 7 business days prior to the hearing. The hearing can be held in person or virtually.
   • If a student who is alleged to have engaged in an act of academic dishonesty withdraws from the course within the University Registrar’s deadline for doing so but before the completion of the ongoing investigation of the student's case and, thus, is awarded a W instead of the grade subsequently deemed to be warranted as a result of the alleged misconduct (for example, an F), the matter should be referred to the SAC. In such instances, the student should be afforded an opportunity to appear before the SAC to present their case. Based on its investigation and deliberation, the SAC will make a recommendation to the course instructor regarding the student’s final grade. The Registrar will be informed of the instructor’s final decision by the Department Chair once a decision has been rendered.

8. Student Affairs Committee hearings will be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:
   • The Student Affairs Committee is composed of three elected faculty members, one of whom is the Chair of the Committee, and four students, two of whom are graduate students and two of whom are undergraduate students. The students will be chosen by the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services in consultation with the Student Affairs Committee.
The Student Affairs Committee assigns sanctions as listed in Section III.D.1-3 for most cases based on the evidentiary standard above. The Student Affairs Committee reviews evidence, including meeting with witnesses and taking testimony from the respondent, and reaches a conclusion whether the evidence supports the course instructor’s decision or not. The Student Affairs Committee notifies the course instructor of its decision. Under no circumstances does the Student Affairs Committee act to change a grade. It can recommend that the course instructor reconsider the grade if the results of the hearing suggest this.

If, however, the behavior in question rises to the level of an offense thought to be egregious by the academic community as a whole, such as, but not limited to, plagiarism of a Ph.D. dissertation, the Student Affairs Committee may impose additional sanctions as deemed appropriate. The Student Affairs Committee will communicate the decision and any sanctions to be imposed in the matter, generally within 7 business days from the date of the hearing to the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services through the Office of Student Advocacy. The Associate Dean of Student Life and Services will communicate the Student Affairs Committee’s decision to the respondent within 7 business days of receiving it from the Student Affairs Committee. The Department Chair and instructor will also be informed.

D. Sanctions Available in Academic Misconduct Matters

1. A rejection of the assignment or project, along with a requirement that the student complete a substitute assignment. This may be particularly appropriate where there is an honest misunderstanding about the degree of collaboration permitted by a course instructor, or where a course instructor is not sure a student has intentionally acted dishonestly. A grade of F for the course, examination, or project. A record of the sanction will be retained in the office of the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services by the Office of Student Advocacy. See also Sections III.C.11.n.iv and III.E.2.

2. A grade of F for the assignment, examination, or project. A record of the sanction will be retained in the office of the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services by the Office of Student Advocacy. See also Sections III.C.11.n.iv and III.E.2.

3. A grade of F for the course or other academic requirement; this sanction is typically reserved for major assignments or more egregious offenses. A record of the sanction will be retained in the office of the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services by the Office of Student Advocacy. See also Sections III.C.11.n.iv and III.E.2.

4. Dismissal from an undergraduate or a graduate program based on the nature of the academic misconduct and in consultation with the Associate Dean of Academics.

5. Suspension from the School and University for a period not to exceed one year with notation on the transcript during the suspension period based on the nature of the academic misconduct and in consultation with the Associate Dean of Academics. A record of the sanction will be retained in the office of the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services by the Office of Student Advocacy. See also Sections III.C.11.n.iv and III.E.2.

6. Expulsion from the School and University with appropriate notation on the student’s transcript based on the nature of the academic misconduct and in consultation with the Office of Student Conduct. The Dean of the Tandon School of Engineering will also be notified. A record of the sanction will be retained in the office of the Associate Dean of Student Life and Services by the Office of Student Advocacy. See also Sections III.C.11.n.iv and III.E.2.

E. Appeal in a Matter of Academic Misconduct

1. A decision rendered by a Student Affairs Committee hearing may be appealed if the sanction involves a suspension or expulsion from the School and University and in accordance with the following procedures. See also Sections III.C.11.n.iv and III.D.6 and 7.
2. An appeal of suspension or expulsion from the School and University must be submitted in writing to the Dean of the Tandon School of Engineering within 7 business days from the date on which the decision was sent to the student.

3. The appeal must cite one or more of four of the following grounds as the basis for the appeal; it must include evidence to support the allegation; and it must specify the remedy sought by the appellant:
   • That the proceedings were conducted in an arbitrary or unfair manner not in accordance with the policies and procedures described above.
   • That the outcome or decision was unreasonably disproportionate to the nature of the behavior in which the student was determined to have engaged.
   • That the administrator or panel that reviewed the matter was unfairly biased or that there was a significant conflict of interest that reasonably could have resulted in a different outcome.
   • That there is new, substantial, and relevant evidence that was unavailable at the time of the hearing.

4. The appeal will be reviewed by the Dean of the Tandon School of Engineering or, at the Dean’s discretion, by a panel consisting of two faculty members and one administrator appointed by the Dean. The Dean will exclude any potential faculty member who may have a substantive conflict of interest in the case, including being a member of the same academic department as the respondent.
   • The Dean or the panel considering the appeal may stay the sanction pending the outcome of the appeal.
   • An appeal does not consist of a new hearing. Rather, it involves a review of the letter of appeal and the related documents of the case. The Dean or the panel may request additional information from the appellant and/or the original hearing, as needed.
   • The Dean or the panel may reach one of the following conclusions:
     • That there is an insufficient basis to support the appeal and leave the original sanctions in place as issued.
     • That there is a sufficient basis to support the appeal and remedy sought by the appellant.
     • That there is a sufficient basis to support the appeal and mandate that a new hearing or proceeding be conducted on the matter by a new committee of three faculty members, and four students, two of whom are graduate students and two of whom are undergraduate students, appointed by the Dean and not involved in the original SAC hearing. The Dean will exclude any potential student member and faculty who may have a substantive conflict of interest in the case, including being a member of the same academic department as the respondent. The new hearing or proceeding shall be conducted within a reasonable time frame.
     • The Dean shall notify the appellant of the panel’s decision generally within 15 business days of the date the appeal was received.
     • There is no further opportunity for appeal beyond the procedure described in this Code.

School Compliance and Other Guidelines

Most issues of compliance are adjudicated through the Office of Community Standards. Please consult the following links: Legal Governance (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/governance-legal.html). You will find a number of links, alcohol and drugs, for example, which you can then follow.

Please note than any issues of sexual misconduct have their own link: Sexual Misconduct (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/sexual-misconduct--relationship-violence--and-stalking-policy.html).

Academic misconduct is handled at the Tandon School of Engineering, and is usually initiated at the departmental level. Please check: Code of Conduct (https://engineering.nyu.edu/life-tandon/student-life/student-advocacy/student-code-conduct/). The contact person is Deanna Rayment (deanna.rayment@nyu.edu): deanna.rayment@nyu.edu.

Redress of Grievances

NYU Tandon follows the University Student Grievance Procedure (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/student-grievance-procedure.html).