

Pacific Union College

Disruptive Academic Behavior Policy

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Pacific Union College is committed to creating a positive Christian learning community characterized by respectful discourse and meaningful academic activities. *Consequently, you do not have the right to behave in a manner that disrupts the academic learning environment for other students.*

Disruptive academic behavior is any behavior that professor determines to impair the academic functions of the course. This can include a variety of behaviors, including (but not limited to):

- Repeatedly distracting others, interrupting others or speaking out of turn
- Monopolizing class discussions or professor attention
- Harassing, threatening or insulting others (verbally or in writing)
- Using inappropriate language, cursing, swearing or vulgarity
- Behaving erratically or irrationally
- Refusing to follow the instructions of the professor

Please note that academic discussions often include multiple perspectives. The civil expression of disagreement with the professor or with other students is permitted and is not, in itself, considered to be disruptive behavior.

If you demonstrate disruptive academic behavior, your professor may request that you engage in a resolution plan. Various individuals are available to help you develop strategies for appropriate academic conduct, including your academic advisor, TLC academic mentors, and Counseling Center professionals. You may not be allowed to return to class until the resolution plan has been developed.

If your disruptive behavior is excessive or if you fail to resolve your disruptive behavior according to plan, your professor may work with the department chair to file a “Disruptive Academic Behavior Report” with the academic dean. The Student Services Office will also receive a copy of the report. In extreme circumstances, the academic dean may decide to administratively withdraw you from the class upon recommendation from your professor and the department chair. Occurrences of disruptive academic behavior in multiple classes may result in further actions by administration.

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Disruptive Academic Behavior Report

*When filling out the following report, please be as specific and detailed as possible.
Use additional pages if necessary.*

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Date: _____ Infraction date: _____
Professor: _____ Student: _____
Course: _____ Student ID
number: _____

Describe the disruptive behavior of the student and any steps taken thus far to address the situation.

What is the recommended resolution for this situation?

- Administrative withdrawal (final approval must be given by Academic Dean)
- Behavior resolution plan, as follows:

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Signature of Professor

Signature of Department Chair

I have read this form and understand that I have the right to submit a written response. I understand that I may be administratively withdrawn from the course if a satisfactory resolution is not achieved. I understand that occurrences of disruptive academic behavior in multiple classes may result in further actions by administration.

Signature of Student

*Please supply one copy of this form to the student and forward the original to the Academic Dean's Office. The Academic Dean's Office will supply a copy of the report to the Student Services Office.