

## Academic Dismissal Appeal – Undergraduate Student

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### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**1. Why was I dismissed?**

The university will dismiss an undergraduate student based on a list of conditions found in [Academic Dismissal - Undergraduate policy](#).

**2. Can I appeal the dismissal?**

If you have been dismissed, you have the right to appeal the decision. Make sure to consult your dismissal email for specific deadlines and forms to complete. Some items for consideration when you are trying to determine if you should appeal:

- Were there recent circumstances (e.g., illness, injury) beyond your control that were severe enough to affect your grades?
- Were you doing well in your classes prior to these circumstances?
- Why weren't you able to withdraw from classes or work with your instructors?

**3. Who do I contact for the appeal or if I have questions?**

If you have questions, need assistance evaluating your options or wish to submit an appeal, contact your college/campus advising office. That information should be listed in your dismissal email. You can also find that information in [FlashLine](#) (Student/Profile/Show Detail).

**4. When I can return, what are some resources to help me be successful?**

Kent State has many resources to help you be successful, including the [Academic Success Center](#), which offers free tutoring and academic coaching. If eligible, you can also take advantage of the [GPA Adjustment Policy](#), which allows you to remove a limited number of low grades in courses you do not need for your major, and the [Course Repeat Policy](#), where only the highest grade is counted for any repeated course. Talk to your advisor to find out more information and see which resource or policy may work best for you.

**5. If I don't appeal, can I come back to Kent State? If yes, when?**

Yes, you can apply to return after being away for a full 12 months. This return is called a reinstatement. Please work with your academic advisor to discuss how best to use this year off. This may include attending classes at a community college or another university or simply taking time to refocus. For more information on returning, visit the [Reinstatement After Academic Dismissal policy](#).

**6. Is it a guarantee that I can return next semester if I submit an appeal?**

No. The appeal allows you the opportunity to be considered for immediate return to the university. The appeals committee will review your submission and make a decision based on the merits of your appeal. You will be notified of the decision regardless of the outcome.

**7. What if my appeal is denied?**

The decisions of the committee are final. However, you can apply for [reinstatement](#) after being away for a full 12 months. Please work with your academic advisor to discuss how best to use this year off. This may include attending classes at a community college or another university or simply taking time to refocus.

**8. Can I return to my same major?**

Yes, if your appeal is successful, you will be reinstated into the same major you were in at the time of your academic dismissal. Please talk with an academic advisor to discuss if this major is still the best option for you and if another major may be a better fit for your interests and career goals.