

TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

TIU POLICY: **Student Involuntary Withdrawal Policy**

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I. PURPOSE:

To specify policy in order to maintain a campus environment conducive to learning while protecting the rights and safety of all members of the community.

II. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all members of the Trinity International University (University) community.

III. POLICY:

Students who exhibit harmful, potentially harmful, or disruptive behavior toward themselves or others due to apparent medical or psychological distress, may be subject to involuntary withdrawal from the University if their behavior renders them unable to effectively function within the University community. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, that which:

- Poses a significant threat (real or perceived) of danger to the emotional and/or physical welfare of the student and/or other members of the University community;
- Interferes with the lawful activities or basic rights of other students, employees or campus visitors;
- Causes, or might cause, significant property damage;
- Demonstrates an inability to satisfy personal needs (e.g., nourishment, shelter) such that there is a reasonable possibility that serious physical harm might occur;
- Violates expectations for student behavior as presented in the Student Handbook and lacks the capacity to comprehend and participate in the University's disciplinary process;
- Violates expectations for student behavior and lacks understanding the nature of wrongfulness of the conduct at the time of the offense;
- Engages in inappropriate behavior that the University deems disruptive or destructive to the educational experience.

The determination for involuntary withdrawal is a response of urgency to a student's emergency situation and involves two steps:

1. A Temporary Involuntary Withdrawal decision may be made by the Dean of Students. The decision must be confirmed within 48 hours by the Academic Dean (or designate) and in consultation with a licensed mental health professional. At this point the student will be considered involuntarily withdrawn and will not be allowed to return to regular campus activity.
2. An Involuntary Withdrawal decision will be reviewed and confirmed by a Special Advisory Committee within three weeks of the initial Temporary Involuntary Withdrawal decision. The Special Advisory Committee will determine outcomes based upon University policies, clinician recommendations, and the student's updated situation. Possible outcomes may include:
 - Dismissal with no possibility for re-enrollment;
 - Dismissal with outlined conditions of re-enrollment;
 - Change of status to Voluntary Leave-of-Absence to obtain assistance with conditions for re-enrollment.

In addition, a student may be classified as involuntarily withdrawn and/or disciplined under the policy if they:

- Fail to attend any required meeting;
- Fail to timely schedule and/or appear at a psychological assessment as requested;
- Fail to adhere to any conditions requested of them in order to remain enrolled and/or in campus housing.

The student may appeal the Special Advisory Committee's decision, though re-enrollment is not guaranteed. The appeal of an Involuntary Withdrawal decision is first made in writing within three business days to the Dean of Students and the Academic Dean of the University.

Refund: Normal refund policies and schedules would apply.