

A Graduate Student’s Guide to the Grievance Process

This is a concise reference to certain information more fully described in *Rights, Rules, Responsibilities*. Please see full policies and procedures there.

What are the possible venues for a formal grievance process?

The venue for your grievance depends on the nature of your concerns. Grievances related to sexual misconduct or discrimination based on a protected characteristic are reviewed by the Title IX Office and the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, respectively. If the grievance relates to academic progress, enrollment and standing, research, or teaching, it is reviewed outside the department by Academic Affairs in the Graduate School. If the grievance is related to faculty misconduct, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty may be involved in a review as well.

Office	Type of Grievance	Contact Information
Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity	Discrimination or harassment based on a protected characteristic	609-258-8504
Title IX Office	Discrimination or harassment based on sex or gender and sexual misconduct	609-258-3281
Academic Affairs, Office of the Dean of the Graduate School	Disputes related to enrollment and standing, research, and teaching.	609-258-3168
Office of the Dean of the Faculty	Concerns related to faculty misconduct	609-258-2168

What resources are available for me to discuss my concerns and consider options?

For academic concerns, graduate students are often best served by first discussing concerns within the department. The DGS can help with these discussions. For academic and other concerns, a variety of resources outside the department are available to assist graduate students. These resources may be helpful before the student decides to pursue a formal grievance. Resources are also available to support graduate students during a grievance procedure.

University Resource	Support Provided	Contact Information
University Ombuds Office	Confidential problem-solving resources; conflict mediation with amenable parties	609-258-1775
Counseling and Psychological Services	Confidential counseling and support	609-258-3141
Office of Religious Life	Confidential counseling from multi-religious ideologies	609-258-3047
Office of the Dean of the Graduate School Academic Affairs, Diversity and Inclusion, Finance and Administration, and Student Life	Non-confidential discussions (private when possible) regarding options and grievance procedures, before a student discusses the matter with the department	609-258-3030
Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources, and Education (SHARE) Office	Confidential sexual harassment and assault support	609-258-3310

Formal Grievance Process for Academic Matters

A graduate student's guide for grievances related to enrollment and standing, research, or teaching issues

