

# FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE

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If a complaining student chooses not to participate in the Student Conduct Process as a complainant, the University may proceed with the Student Conduct Process with the University serving as the complainant. The complaining student may choose to participate as a witness or not at all. The hearing officer will render a decision and, if appropriate, impose sanctions, based solely on the information available, without the benefit of any additional information from the complaining student.

If a referred student chooses not to participate or not to fully participate in the Student Conduct Process, the hearing officer, or University Board panel, will render a decision and, if appropriate, impose sanctions, based solely on the information available, without the benefit of any additional information from the referred student. However, the University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to delay a Student Conduct Process.

All students participating in the Student Conduct Process will be provided specific deadlines at various stages of the Student Conduct Process. Failure to respond in a timely manner according to deadlines provided may result in a student's inability to participate in the Student Conduct Process. The University reserves the right to continue with the Student Conduct Process at its discretion.

A student is never required to participate in a Student Conduct Process as a witness. However, all students are encouraged to comply with the Student Conduct Process. Witnesses who provide false or misleading information may have the matter referred to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of a policy violation and subsequent Student Conduct Process.

\*For student conduct cases involving the Sexual & Relationship Violence Prevention and Response (<https://offices.depaul.edu/secretary/policies-procedures/policies/Documents/Sexual%20and%20Relationship%20Violence%20Prevention%20and%20Response.pdf>) policy or the Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures (<https://offices.depaul.edu/secretary/policies-procedures/policies/Documents/Formal%20Title%20IX%20Sexual%20Harassment.pdf>), please refer to the specific information in those policies on the different procedures that may apply