

**Purdue University**  
**Office of Admissions Behavioral Review Process**

At the time of application, applicants for admission to Purdue University are required to answer two questions related to previous behavior:

- Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution you have attended from the 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct that resulted in a disciplinary action? These actions could include, but are not limited to: probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution.
- Have you ever been adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime? Note that you are not required to answer "yes" to this question, or provide an explanation, if the criminal adjudication or conviction has been expunged, sealed, annulled, pardoned, destroyed, erased, impounded, or otherwise ordered by a court to be kept confidential.

If an applicant answers yes to one or both of these questions, an explanation of the behavior(s) that led to the disciplinary violation and/or conviction is additionally required.

Furthermore, once admitted, an applicant is expected to notify the Office of Admissions if between the time of admission and matriculation, there is a change to their academic record and/or to the answers of the questions related to behavior.

**What information do I need to report?**

Purdue University requires that you disclose any and all behaviors that resulted in a disciplinary action and/or that constituted being adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime. These behaviors include, but are not limited to, academic dishonesty, alcohol, illegal drug and controlled substance violations (including marijuana and drug paraphernalia), disorderly conduct, property damage or theft, physical altercations, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual exploitation and stalking.

Applicants who answer yes to one or both of the questions are expected to provide an explanation of the behavior(s) that led to the disciplinary violation and/or conviction.

**How are responses considered?**

Applicant responses are reviewed by members of the Office of Admissions Behavioral Review Committee. This committee is comprised of members from:

- The Office of Admissions
- Purdue University Police Department
- The Office of the Dean of Students
- University Residences
- Faculty
- The Graduate School (for Graduate School Applicants)

Upon review of disclosed information by the applicant, the committee may elect to:

- Move the application forward for further consideration in the admissions process
- Deny that the application be forwarded for further consideration in the admission process
- Request a meeting with the applicant to further discuss their disclosed behavior

The Behavioral Review Committee reserves the right to request additional information from the applicant and to investigate the truthfulness and accuracy of information provided by contacting law enforcement agencies, school and or college/university officials, and reviewing publically available information.

In addition, if an applicant is moved forward for further consideration in the admission process, he/she may be admitted under conditions or restrictions defined by the committee (ex. Restricted from living in on campus housing)

In determining whether or not an applicant will be moved forward for further consideration in the admissions process, the committee will consider a variety of factors, including but not limited to:

- The type and severity of the incident
- Impacted individual(s)
- Length of time since the disclosed behavior occurred
- Potential safety and/or security risk that the applicant may pose to Purdue University

Once the committee reviews an application, applicants who are not moved forward will be notified via email regarding the status of their application and the determination of the committee. Determinations of the committee are final.

**Rationale for Disclosure and Behavioral Review Process:**

Purdue University is committed to providing as safe of an environment for our students as possible. While many situations that individuals are involved with may be resolved and accounted for, some behaviors are so egregious that the potential risk is too great to the Purdue Community. A previous disciplinary violation or conviction does not automatically result in the denial of an individual's application for admission however, failure to disclose this information can be grounds for the automatic rescension of a student's offer of admission, even if this non-disclosure is learned after a student has matriculated to the university.

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