

RESPONDENT TRANSITION GUIDE



As a respondent, you might be finding it difficult to navigate your sanctions and your transition from UC Santa Cruz. This guide serves as a checklist of items to complete, and how to have a simple transition back to the university.



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STEP ONE: Understanding your sanctions

The first step to your suspension is understanding what sanctions you have been given. Whether you are suspended for one quarter or multiple, it is important to follow guidelines and meet your deadlines. You are also highly encouraged to meet with Respondent Support Services to get a thorough explanation on what to do.

What are Sanctions?

Sanctions apply to all students who are found responsible for Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH) policy violations. Sanctions could also be related to any conduct violations that were indicated during a Title IX investigation.

Examples of Sanctions

Sanctions one may have include suspension from UC Santa Cruz, probation, receiving counseling, and other administrative sanctions such as reflective papers and attending substance use courses.

How To Complete

Students may have a difficult time navigating how to complete sanctions, understand deadlines, and overcome barriers to completion. There are numerous resources available to students, regardless of student status. See page three of this guide, and meet with Respondent Support Services to determine what support you need.

Where To Start

Sanctions a student may have include suspension from UC Santa Cruz, probation, receiving counseling, and other administrative sanctions such as reflective papers and attending alcohol courses.

STEP TWO: Before you leave UC Santa Cruz



Meet with RSS

Meeting and coordinating a transition plan with Respondent Support Services is key to being successful as you navigate suspension. You also can gain a better understanding of what resources are available to you regardless of your student status, and can have timely referrals and support.



Meet with Advisors

As you begin your suspension, schedule appointments with a College Advisor and a Major advisor. Both can help you assess anything you must complete for graduation requirement, or a major requirement. They can also explain the readmission process. Visit page three of this guide for contact information.



Plan to Complete Sanctions

During your suspension, it is highly encouraged that you complete some of your sanctions-- even if they have a deadline that is after your suspension. Make an action plan with Respondent Support Services prior to your departure on ways to complete sanctions like counseling, reflective papers, etc.



General Housekeeping

Do you use UCSHIP insurance? Do you have holds on your account? These are all great questions to answer prior to beginning your suspension. Also, consider your options for enrollment community college courses and finding a sense of community off-campus. Be sure to speak with RSS about how you can best prepare for success.

On-Campus Resources

While you may not maintain student status at UCSC, many on-campus resources are still available to you as you transition into your suspension.

- **SLUG Support:** The SLUG Support team supports students in identifying concerns related to crisis, finances, and basic needs. University administrators, such as Respondent Support Services, can reach out to SLUG Support on ones behalf to give students additional resources.
 - Reach out at deanofstudents.ucsc.edu/slug-support/program

- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS):** As a part of sanctions, one may be required to receive counseling. While CAPS does not fulfill counseling on the basis of completing sanctions, they can provide referrals to community counselors who take your insurance.
 - Reach out at caps.ucsc.edu or call at (831) 459-2628

- **College Advising:** Students are encouraged to reach out to their college and schedule an advising appointment to determine how to stay on track for graduation and meet undergraduate requirements, whether they are returning to UC Santa Cruz or not.
 - Reach out at advising.ucsc.edu/about/colleges-advising

- **Major Advising:** Major advising serves to make sure students are fulfilling major requirements related to the completion of their degree.
 - Reach out at advising.ucsc.edu/about/major-advising/major-links

- **Financial Aid:** For understanding how your aid may be affected by your suspension, see Financial Aid for information. For students who are receiving Financial Aid, being suspended will not impact your repayment plan of loans.
 - Reach out at financialaid.ucsc.edu

- **Community Rentals:** Some students lose on-campus housing as a result of sanctions. For assistance finding off-campus living, see the Community Rentals page and visit the Housing Registry for resources.
 - Reach out at communityrentals.ucsc.edu

Community Resources

There are numerous local resources in Santa Cruz and the state of California for students who need additional support.

Santa Cruz Human Services:

For concerns one may have with navigating things such as employment opportunities, basic needs, and dozens of other resources. We encourage you to explore your local Human Services website for information relating to CalFresh and Medi-Cal if you have concerns regarding health insurance and food insecurity. Visit their website at santacruzhumanservices.org

Santa Cruz Public Library:

While the library is not conducting in-person operations, members of the community are able to pick up books and access free books and articles online.

Visit your local library website or santacruzpl.org

United Way and Salvation Army of Santa Cruz:

If you are in need of additional support as it relates to housing, food insecurity, basic needs, and other resources the United Way of Santa Cruz and The Salvation Army are a consistent resource.

Visit unitedwaysc.org or santacruz.salvationarmy.org for more info

As always, please reach out to Respondent Support Services if you are in need of additional resources and support that is not listed.