

Addendum: LSON Dismissal Appeal Policy Update

Effective Fall 2026: The addendum to the LSON Student Handbook noted below replaces the existing language that defines grounds for appeal and the committee process in both [undergraduate](#) (p. 24-26) and [graduate](#) handbooks (p. 34-37) and all related documents (appeals guidelines document) as noted in the relevant sections below:

Appeal Process - Dismissal

3. Dismissal Appeal:

a. Grounds for appeal include:

- i. Serious, unavoidable life events that negatively affected academic performance
- ii. Procedural errors or unfair bias.

4. Appellate Committee:

b. The committee shall examine and evaluate the dismissal decision, which will include a review of:

- i. documentation submitted by the student appealing the decision
- ii. the student's academic transcripts
- iii. relevant information regarding the students' academic performance provided by the student's academic success coach/advisor
- iv. course-related documents, such as clinical evaluations
- v. written input provided by relevant faculty, if submitted

c. There will be no student appearance in front of the committee, and the determination of the committee will be based upon the information and documentation available at the time of the committee's evaluation of the appeal.