



## College Policy

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Executive Responsibility: Academic & Learner Services

**POLICY GROUP: NC800 – Student Records, Rights & Responsibilities**

**POLICY TITLE: Appeal of Academic Decisions**

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### **A. Background and Definitions**

Niagara College students have the right to appeal decisions that significantly affect their academic career. This includes College decisions on admissions, course grades and promotion.

**Mark:** A mark is awarded for each individual evaluation within the course, each mark contributes to the final grade.

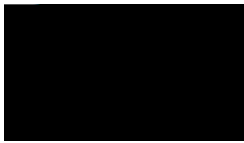
**Final Grade:** A final grade is awarded upon completion of the course.

### **B. Purpose**

This policy addresses appeals relating to academic decisions which impact the academic standing or progression of Niagara College students.

### **C. Policy Statements**

1. General principles of our Appeal of Academic Decisions Policy are:
  - a) Students have the right to appeal without fear of disadvantage or reprisal
  - b) Appeals should ideally be resolved informally by parties involved
  - c) Appeals will be addressed in a timely manner adhering to time limits
  - d) f) Transparency is paramount and students may request that the College provide rationale and explanations for decisions
  - g) Student's privacy and confidentiality will be respected throughout the appeal process
2. The informal student appeal process will be addressed within the appropriate academic division. If resolution at the informal stage cannot be reached, the student may pursue a formal academic appeal.
3. Counselling Services and Enrolment Services



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