

Regulations for the Tribunal for Student Affairs at the University of Stavanger

Adopted by the Board of the University of Stavanger on 2 April 2009 (Case 29/09).

Amended by the Rector by authorisation from the Board of the University of Stavanger on 24 September 2025.

Pursuant to the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges (uhl.) of 8 March 2024 No. 9, Section 14-1, the University of Stavanger shall have a tribunal responsible for handling appeals concerning individual decisions and as determined by the Board, other matters affecting students.

In accordance with Board Resolution 96/05, the tribunal shall consider cases pursuant to Sections 12-1 to 12-8 of the Act concerning exclusion. Furthermore, pursuant to Board Resolution 08/06, the tribunal shall also handle appeals concerning the loss of the right to study.

- I. The University of Stavanger shall have a tribunal for student cases that considers appeals of individual decisions affecting students, cf. Section III.
- II. The tribunal shall consist of five members, each with a personal deputy member. The Chair and the Deputy Chair must meet the statutory qualifications for presiding and associate judges. The Deputy Chair functions in the same capacity as the Chair. Neither the Chair nor the Deputy Chair may be employed at the institution. Two members and their deputies shall be academic staff employed at the institution. The Chair, the academic members, and their deputies are appointed for a term of three years.

Two members and their deputies shall be students, appointed upon nomination by the Student Organisation, for a term of one year.

There shall be at least two members of each gender. Members of the institution's Board may not serve on the tribunal for student cases. A member who has participated in the case processing or decision-making related to the matter under appeal may not participate in the tribunal's handling of the case. A member with a deputy shall remain in position until a new member is appointed, even if the term has expired. A member shall also continue to serve until ongoing cases in which they are involved are concluded.

- III. The Tribunal for Student Affairs shall consider the following matters:
 - a. Appeals regarding admission decisions to study programmes, courses, or subjects not handled by the Central Admissions Service (Samordna opptak).
 - b. Appeals regarding admission to practical training, laboratory courses, field courses, and similar.
 - c. Appeals regarding exemption or dispensation from examinations or tests.
 - d. Appeals against decisions denying registration/admission to examinations
 - e. Appeals concerning formal errors in:
 1. the conduct of examinations or tests,
 2. the implementation of grading,
 3. the approval of mandatory components of the study programme such as courses or placements.
 4. Rejections of applications for individually designed bachelor's degrees or other flexible degrees.

- f. Appeals against decisions on the loss of the right to study.
 - g. Cases pursuant to Sections 12-1 and 12-2 of the Act concerning expulsion due to criminal conduct.
 - h. Cases pursuant to Section 12-3 regarding expulsion following unsuitability assessments from the Suitability Tribunal.
 - i. Cases pursuant to Section 12-4 concerning dishonest conduct and cheating.
 - j. Cases pursuant to Sections 12-5 and 12-6 concerning disruptive or blameworthy conduct.
 - k. Cases pursuant to Section 12-9 concerning remuneration determination.
 - l. Other cases that pursuant to Section 14-1 (2) fall within the tribunal's area of responsibility as an appellate body for individual decisions made by the institution.
 - m. Other cases referred to the tribunal by the Board.
- IV. The tribunal shall decide cases in meetings. The tribunal has a quorum when the Chair or Deputy Chair and two other members are present. Decisions in cases concerning document revocation, quarantine periods, expulsion, loss of examination rights, and exclusion under Sections 12-1 to 12-6 of the Act must be made with a two-thirds majority. The tribunal shall determine whether there are grounds to summon the student to a hearing or to request statements from other bodies.
- V. Decisions made by the tribunal regarding items III (a) through (f) are not subject to appeal. Decisions regarding items III (g) through (k), cf. the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges Sections 12-1 to 12-6 and Section 12-9, may be appealed to the Ministry or a specially appointed appeals body.
- VI. The Chair or Deputy Chair may alone decide on appeals concerning annulment, expulsion, or exclusion under Sections 12-1 to 12-6 and Section 12-9 of the Act, as well as requests for deferred implementation.
- VII. The provisions of the Public Administration Act apply to the case handling. A decision shall be rendered within three weeks unless special circumstances require more time.
- VIII. The Director of Academic Affairs shall appoint a secretary for the tribunal. Upon authorisation from the Chair, the secretary may prepare the case.