

# Student Rights & Accountability and Ombuds Office



## Purpose/Mission

We focus on fairness and equality while promoting responsibility, individual growth, education, and development. We are committed to education and restorative justice. We engage students to critically think about and learn from adversity.

## Learning Outcomes

The Office of Student Rights & Accountability (including the Ombuds office) strives to protect student rights, encourage student development, promote improved behavior, and help students learn from mistakes. These not only improve the university experience while at UVU but are also vital tools to help students succeed in the long term. In accordance with UVU Policy 541, we aim to help students:

- Understand their rights and responsibilities as students more completely.
- Create and maintain a support system that will help them respond favorably to mistakes or adversity during their UVU student experience.
- Access services and resources to which they were previously unaware.
- Overcome obstacles and issues to achieve their personal educational goals and navigate UVU successfully.

## Programs and Services

### Student Code of Conduct

Investigate and resolve conduct violation, including cheating, plagiarism, and classroom disruptions. Maintain due process rights when a violation occurs. Consult on resource and resolution options, including educational resolution to help students learn and grow from adversity.

### Classroom & Group Presentations

Deliver tailored workshops on behavior change, communication, safety procedures, and campus community resources.

### Ombuds

Meets with students about personal or university-related issues. Gives support and resource referral and/or information. Provides mediation for the campus community. Facilitates informal resolution of conflicts and misunderstandings. Provides conflict coaching to students. Assist students with roommate and housing conflicts. Consults faculty and others on policy, processes, and campus resources.

# 2023-2024 Impact Data

UVU students benefit from a caring and comprehensive wheel of support.

- Advisors
- Ombuds
- Conduct
- Bat
- SHS
- T-IX
- Safety/Police
- Crisis Team

## Our Impact

- 1585 total cases
- 519 student conduct interactions with students (38% increase)
- 823 Ombuds engagements with campus community (66.3% increase)

## Student/Alumni Story

“I wanted you to know that without your help personally, I wouldn’t be attending UVU now & advancing toward my degree and a better life...I didn’t know that such help and care existed at UVU.”

— Ombuds and Student Conduct-Assisted Student