

Student Rights & Accountability

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 violations 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:** A confidential listening ear for students' personal or university related issues which works to informally resolve those issues. Informs students about campus resources, policies and procedures. Provides conflict coaching to students. Assists students with roommate & housing disputes. Provides mediation for the campus community.

UVU STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM A **CARING & COMPREHENSIVE WHEEL OF SUPPORT**



3,094

**TOTAL
ENGAGEMENTS
IN 2021-22**



**33% INCREASE
FROM 2020-21**

**590 STUDENT
CONDUCT
ENGAGEMENTS**

29% INCREASE

**OMBUDS
ENGAGEMENTS**

AVG. 9-11 PER DAY (2021-22)

AVG. 6-7 PER DAY (2020-21)

“It's great to have advocates on campus that are diligently trying to help the students. Being able to walk in with a problem and **walk out with a course of action, solutions, and assistance along the way was the most promising aspect of my education at UVU. Without this office, UVU would have lost me as a student.”**

- Political Science student