

# Do I need an Advisor?

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards recognizes that participating in the conduct process can be a challenging experience for any student. **We encourage students to seek the assistance of an advisor to support and accompany them through the process, including investigative meetings, administrative conferences, and formal appeals.** Complainants and witnesses are also welcome to seek assistance from an advisor during their participation.

The role of the advisor is to help the student prepare for meetings or conferences, accompany the student in any conduct proceedings, advise the student in the sharing of information, and to assist the student during the appeals process. While the advisor is permitted to participate in conduct proceedings, the process is designed to be “student centered” and is educational in nature. The student should primarily be leading any questioning, answering, or discussions.

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards can be flexible during scheduling to permit an advisor to be present during a meeting or conference. However, the right to have an advisor present does not allow for an unreasonable delay. The Director shall determine what constitutes an “unreasonable” delay.

## Who can be my advisor?

- Oregon Law Domestic Violence Clinic - <http://familylaw.uoregon.edu/dv/domestic-violence-protective-order-clinic/>
  - Free and confidential legal services are available to student survivors of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. Students can meet with a licensed attorney to discuss various legal options and receive guidance on managing practical problems.
- The Office of Student Advocacy - Phone (541) 346-3722 <http://officeofstudentadvocacy.org/>
  - Provides free and confidential legal advice and assistance to eligible students accused of violating the Student Conduct Code. OSA lawyers can help accused students understand the student conduct process and possible consequences, and provide assistance throughout the process.
- Another student (who is not involved in your case)
- A parent or family member
- An English language translator
- A member of the faculty or administration
- An attorney

While this list is not exhaustive, it represents the advisors that typically participate in the conduct process at the University of Oregon. If you have any questions about advisors or about the conduct process in general, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.