University Ombuds Office

Mission
Promote a civil and inclusive campus community by assisting with individual concerns through service and education, as well as serving as a change agent to address group conflict and systemic concerns.

Vision
We envision a university community with a culture of healthy, safe and open dialogue, skilled in cooperative problem resolution.

Values
Independence | Confidentiality | Informality | Neutrality

Our Role
The goals of Oregon State’s Strategic Plan 4.0 promote an innovative, transformative, accessible, impactful, synergistic, and welcoming place to study and work.

The University Ombuds Office supports the community’s maximal performance by listening to concerns and perspectives, exploring options, offering collaborative conflict management tools, and identifying data-informed trends to make recommendations to leadership that will promote equitable processes and positive outcomes for all.

1International Ombudsman Association Code of Ethics
2Oregon State University Strategic Plan 4.0 (2019-2023)

CASEWORK: We listen and provide impartial perspectives and options to address issues facing the university community.
Confidential listening | Navigating systems Mediation & Facilitation

EDUCATION: We share scholarship to address and prevent conflict, and to build relational communication skills.
Conflict Management | Bullying
Improving Conflict Climate

COLLABORATION: We maintain positive relationships with campus partners to strengthen the network of care for students, staff, and faculty.
Student Affairs | College and Administrative Leadership | Faculty Services