

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS

When the University is made aware of a potential student violation of a policy in the Code of Student Responsibility or another University policy, it may be necessary to conduct an investigation prior to referring the incident to the Student Conduct Process. Such investigations are either conducted by or in collaboration with the Dean of Students Office. Some examples of other offices that may conduct investigations include the Office of Gender Equity, Public Safety, Internal Audit, Academic Affairs, and Information Security.

Offices charged with conducting an investigation may gather information, conduct interviews, and solicit materials. Investigations will be conducted with all reasonable speed. At the conclusion of the investigation, an investigator will share the information gathered with the Dean of Students Office or other appropriate offices, and the Dean of Students Office will determine whether to begin the Student Conduct Process. To the extent necessary, an investigator will provide information that will become part of a Student Conduct Process or an investigator may participate in the Student Conduct Process as a witness.

A student may choose to have an advisor at any meeting related to an investigation that may give rise to a Student Conduct Process.