Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

The UMD School of Public Policy is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where our diverse community members are respected and our unique experiences and perspectives are welcome and celebrated. We have developed a set of community expectations as a set of guidelines that we believe should inform how our community members at SPP will engage one another.

Should a question or concern about adherence to the community expectations arise among students, faculty or staff, please refer to the chart below as a resource for contacts that can offer support.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Raising a question or concern; or to seek advice or feedback about a specific experience, interaction, observation that does not align with SPP’s Community Expectations

Academic Advisor

Director of Program (Undergraduate, Graduate, OEP)

Additional Resource: Undergraduate Ombuds Officer - or - Graduate Ombuds Officer

Associate Dean of Academic Programs & Student Services

If there is a complaint specific to equity, harassment or discrimination

Chief Diversity Officer or Equity Administrator*

If you think that your concern may involve discrimination or harassment specifically, the school’s Equity Administrator is available to help navigate your options. The Equity Administrator (EA) serves as a resource for staff, faculty, and students who have concerns specific to equity, harassment, or discrimination.

*If appropriate and desired, the EA can help connect you to UMD’s Office of Civil Right & Sexual Misconduct (OCRSM) and navigate the complaint process. Please note that complaints specific to sexual harassment and/or sexual misconduct are required to be reported to the OCRSM. Your right to anonymity and confidentiality will be respected, subject to University Guidelines.

Students may also reach out to the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer (CDIO) for any of these concerns

You are welcome to reach out to the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer and Equity Administrator at any time with a concern or question. Please note the chart provides suggestions for whom you may contact. You are welcome to reach out to any person among those identified as you are comfortable.