

Join the University Judiciary Committee

Mission Statement: The University Judiciary Committee serves to promote a community of Safety, Respect, and Freedom at the University of Virginia.

Function: The UJC empowers UVA students to hold each other accountable by investigating and adjudicating alleged violations of the University's 12 Standards of Conduct. Members of the UJC serve in various capacities to facilitate impartial student-run hearings based on the ideals of student self-governance.

How to Get Involved: Every fall semester, students may apply to join the UJC as support officers in the counselor, investigator, or educator roles. First Year students may also apply to be panel judges on the First Year Judiciary Committee (FYJC).

- **Counselor:** Serve as an advocate for accused and complainant parties going through the UJC trial system. Advise parties of their rights, assist in preparation of the cases, draft statements, and verbally represent client(s) at trial.
- **Investigator:** Serve as an impartial record keeper for cases in the UJC trial system. Meet with both parties individually, interview witnesses, draft impartial investigator reports, handle evidence, and record trial proceedings.
- **Educator:** Serve as education and outreach representative of the UJC. Work with social media, coordinate events, speak to clubs, and field questions about the UJC. May also serve as representatives of other organizations to the UJC general body.
- **FYJC:** Serve as trial judge on cases of alleged violations of the Standards of Conduct committed by First Year peers. Facilitate trials; question complainant, accused, and witnesses; deliberate on verdict; and craft educative sanctions. **(First-Years Only)**

Additionally, as members of the UJC, the above roles are expected to participate in various UJC educational requirements, effectively communicate with other members of the UJC and the broader UVA community, as well as consistently attend bi-weekly general body and pool meetings.

To Apply: Our selection process occurs during the first month of the Fall semester. All applications are due by **Sunday, September 10th at 11:59 PM**. Following the Written Application, candidates will be contacted by senior support officers about the subsequent interview process.

For More Information: Please attend one of our information sessions to learn more about the UJC, our application process, and various tips and tricks about applying.

- Monday Aug 28 (5-6pm) in Newcomb 480
- Friday, Sept 1 (2-3 pm) in Newcomb 480 (Joint with Honor)
 - Application Workshop 3-4 PM
- Tuesday, Sept 5 (7-8pm) in Newcomb 480
- Thursday, Sept 7 (5-6pm) in Newcomb 480
 - Application Workshop 6-7PM
- Friday, Sept 8 (12-1 pm) in Newcomb 480
 - Application Workshop 2-3PM

Additionally, feel free to visit our website at <https://ujc.virginia.edu>, email UJC Chair, Lisa Kopelnik at jjq3hc@virginia.edu, contact any of the senior support listed on the back of this sheet, or reach out to your school's UJC representative.

Fall 2023 UJC Written Application

Thank you for your interest in joining the UJC! Feel free to let us know if you have any questions. Please read the prior page and complete the written application according to the instructions below.

* Note: *FYJC applicants may concurrently apply to one support officer role in case they are not invited to the FYJC interview round, but must complete the additional question related to that role.*

Step 1: Answer the following questions thoroughly. All applicants must answer the first two general prompts. Please respond only to the additional prompt(s) related to your desired position(s).

All Applicants:

- According to its mission statement, the UJC exists to promote a community of safety, respect, and freedom at the University of Virginia. Choose one of those three core values (safety, respect, or freedom) and explain why it is important both to you personally and to the broader university community **(150-250 Words)**.
- As a judicial body, the UJC adjudicates cases involving students from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives. Please describe how you are uniquely suited to engage with UVa's diverse population in your capacity as a UJC officer. If you plan to apply to more than one position, feel free to tailor your response to your first choice role **(150-250 Words)**.
- **If Applicable:** Is there any additional information you would like to disclose that is relevant for our consideration? (e.g. English is not your first/primary language) **(50 Word Max)**

FYJC:

- Why are you the best candidate for the position of FYJC Judge? Please describe any relevant personal characteristics, strengths, skills, or experiences. **(150-250 words)**

Counselor:

- Counselors in the University Judiciary Committee advocate on behalf of accused students or reporting parties in student misconduct hearings. Why do you want to serve as an advocate? What does advocacy mean to you? **(150-250 Words)**

Investigator:

- Investigators in the University Judiciary Committee meet with both parties involved in student misconduct hearings and put together an unbiased report. What kind of experiences or skills do you have that would allow you to excel at these tasks? **(150-250 Words)**

Educator:

- Educators are tasked with informing the University of the purpose of the UJC. What initiatives would you undergo to aid in this mission? **(150-250 Words)**

Step 2: Single space your answers in Times New Roman 12 pt font. Put the position name(s) you are applying to in the top left corner of your application. **Do not put your name on the page.** Save the file as a pdf titled UJC_Application_YourComputingID (ex: UJC_Application_kaw7cw.pdf)

Step 3: Email your completed pdf to ujc_applications@virginia.edu. Include the position(s) to which you are applying in the email subject. No need to write anything in the email body.

***Note:** All applications will be read name blind.

Questions? Contact:

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