

Undergraduate Bullying Prevention Initiative

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Overview of the Project

Bullying takes many shapes and forms from personal comments and threats to anonymous online posts and vandalism. While these activities may conflict with the University's Student Conduct Code, incidents that cannot be clearly labeled assault or harassment represent "gray areas." Units and departments are often left without clear guidance on what to do in such situations.

With this project, we propose to analyze the forms and incidence of bullying among U students, identify institutional gaps in addressing the problem, and recommend a comprehensive approach to dealing with incidents of bullying. Bullying can be a precursor to harassment or assault, and that through effective prevention or early intervention strategies, we have an opportunity to not only improve the student experience, but also possibly prevent other forms of interpersonal violence.

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