I require and inspire respect the Columbia community. I support affirmative consent. I commit to communicating and acting with integrity and respect for others. It starts with me. It starts here, with us. I #TaketheInitiative. For myself. For my friends and classmates. For our Columbia community.

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Sexual Respect and Community Citizenship at Columbia

Every year, thousands of Columbia students take the Sexual Respect Initiative to learn key concepts, behaviors, facts and myths about sexual misconduct, and paths to healing and resilience. Join us and learn more.

Understand the issues, connect with others, and know where you and your friends can find help.

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Community Citizenship

Together, we make Columbia. We are in this community together; and the way we treat each other matters. When we connect and engage with the issues, we help to shape the University community and our values so all can thrive.

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Bystander Intervention

Being a prosocial bystander means being aware of events happening around you and learning how to step in safely or seek help from others. Stepping in can be telling a friend you find their language offensive, or leaving a party early with a friend to make sure they arrive home safely.

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Affirmative Consent

It’s about communicating your own interest, really listening to the other person’s interests, and moving ahead only if you both agree. It’s a knowing, voluntary and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. And, it’s the law.

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Our commitment and responsibility to do what we can to reinforce caring and mutual respect in our community, even amid differences. Our rejection of sexual harassment, sexual assault, and other forms of gender-based misconduct.

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