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INTRODUCTION

The Annual Security Report is available on the WCU website at:

<https://westcoastuniversity.edu/legal/title-ix>

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Annual Security Report which contains this information, you can request that a copy be mailed to you by calling the Safety & Security Department at 855-955-9911.

The report contains information regarding campus security and personal safety including topics such as: crime prevention, security officers' enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, policies related to and programs to prevent sexual assault and other crimes, disciplinary procedures and other matters of importance related to security and safety on campus. They also contain information about crime statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by WCU; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

This information is required by law and is provided by the Vice President, Safety & Security.

West Coast University (WCU) is committed to providing a reasonable level of security for its students, associates and visitors. The following report provides information regarding campus security policies and procedures for all students and associates of West Coast University.

The West Coast University Annual Security Report is published each year to provide you with information on safety and security-related services offered by the university in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and the California Education Code – Section 67380-67385.7 Chapter 16 – Student Safety, Section of the Texas Education Code, and Florida Statute Section 1012.88.

This document is prepared under direction of the Vice President, Safety & Security with information provided by respective municipal police agencies with jurisdiction for each campus, Campus Executive Directors, Directors of Student Affairs, Title IX Coordinator, Clinical Coordinators, and contracted security partners. It summarizes campus programs, policies, and procedures designed to enhance your personal safety while you work or study at West Coast University.

Each year, an e-mail notification, regarding the availability of this report, is sent to all enrolled students providing the website to access the report. Faculty and associates receive a similar notification via their email.

All policy statements contained in this report apply to all campuses.

The Jeanne Clery Act

The Jeanne Clery Act, a consumer protection law passed in 1990, requires all colleges and universities who receive federal funding to share information about crime on campus and their efforts to improve campus safety as well as inform the public of crime in or around campus. This information is publicly accessible through the university's annual security report.

Under the Act, institutions must provide survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking with options such as accommodations to academic resources, assisting with transportation, living, or working situations, and assistance in notifying local law enforcement, if the student or associate chooses to do so. It also provides both parties engaged in a campus disciplinary process with certain rights.

Colleges and universities must outline specific policies and procedures within their annual security reports, including those

related to disseminating timely warnings and emergency notifications, options for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and campus crime reporting processes.

Campus Security

WCU employs the contracted security company Allied Universal Security (CA PPO#14417, TX PPO#B15802, FL PPO#BB130017), which operates under the Business and Profession Code and is regulated by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, BSIS. WCU does not have sworn police officers working at any of the campuses and the officers do not enforce state and local laws, but they do enforce WCU policies and procedures; however, it does maintain solid relationship with state and local law enforcement departments including, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Ontario Police Department (OPD), Anaheim Police Department (APD), City of Doral Police Department (DPD), and Richardson Police Department (RPD), who are called upon to enforce federal, state, and local laws and codes. The Security Officers have jurisdiction to operate on WCU owned or controlled property and have the authority to make a private person's arrest (Penal Code Section 837) but they must immediately contact the local police agency to take over the arrest. There are no written agreements or memorandums of understanding regarding any topics, including investigation of criminal incidents between WCU, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Ontario Police Department (OPD), Anaheim Police Department (APD), City of Doral Police Department (DPD), Richardson Police Department (RPD) or other municipal police agencies

Campus Security Authority (CSA)

At WCU, the CSAs are the contracted security offers as well as other specified individuals who have responsibility for campus security. In addition to security officers, WCU has designated the following individual positions as CSAs and students are encouraged to report crimes to these individuals:

- Associate University Director, Student Affairs
- Clinical Coordinators
- Conduct Committee Members
- Contracted Security Officer
- Director, Compliance
- Director, Alumni Relations and Events
- Director, Student Affairs
- Executive Director/Campus Director/Campus Dean/Associate Executive Director
- Executive Director, HR Business Partner
- Human Resource Business Partner
- Program Manager, Safety & Security
- Receptionist - Performing functions to monitor access
- Safety & Security Manager
- Student Group Advisor
- Student Resources Center Director/Manager/Associate
- Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Coordinators
- University Director, Alumni Relations
- Vice President, Compliance & Risk Management
- Vice President, Safety & Security

REPORTING

Reporting Crimes or Other Emergencies

All members of the West Coast University community and all visitors are encouraged to accurately and promptly report potential criminal activity, suspicious behavior, and any emergencies on campus, on public property running through or immediately adjacent to the campus, or in other property that is owned or controlled by West Coast University, to the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) by calling (855) 955-9911.

WCU encourages students, visitors, faculty and associates who witness or experience a crime on campus to promptly report it to the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) at (855) 955-9911. Safety and security is a shared responsibility of everyone and your reporting helps our Safety & Security team best prevent and respond to concerning situations. In addition, WCU must report all criminal activity on campus, non-campus facilities, and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to each campus to help ensure full transparency to the Campus environment and to meet Federal and State reporting requirements. In case of an emergency, call 911 for immediate assistance.

Members of the community are helpful when they immediately report crimes or emergencies to the GSOC and/or the following preferred receivers of reports for purposes of including them in the annual statistical disclosure and assessing them for issuing a Timely Warning Notices, when deemed necessary:

- Campus Security Officer
- Global Security Operations Center
- Safety & Security Vice President/Manager/Program Manager
- Student Affairs Director/Manager/Associate
- Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Coordinator

Crimes should be accurately and promptly reported to the GSOC or the appropriate police agency, including when the victim of a crime elects to, or is unable to, make such a report.

Voluntary Confidential Reporting

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University system or the criminal justice system, you are encouraged to make a confidential report. These confidentially reported crimes will also be included in the annual disclosure of crime statistics in an effort to help enhance the future safety of yourself and others.

With your permission, a Global Security Operations Center officer can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity (except to the Title IX Coordinator in the event of a reported sex offense or sexual harassment). If the victim or witnesses choose to report the crime on a voluntary and confidential basis they can also do so by using an anonymous reporting form located via the following link [Anonymous Reporting Form](#). These confidentially reported crimes will also be included in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. With such information, WCU can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, employees and visitors; determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant; and alert the campus community to potential danger.

WCU does not have any pastoral or professional counselors on campus, as a result, WCU does not have any procedures to encourage pastoral or professional counselors to inform the persons they are counseling of any procedures to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

Response to a Report

West Coast University will respond to each report in an appropriate manner and consistent with state and federal laws and rules.

Our Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) is available 24/7 to answer your calls. In response to a call regarding a reported crime, the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) will take the required action, either dispatching a security officer or police officer, or working with the student file an incident report with the on-duty security agent and providing the option to file a report with the local police department.

In response to a reported emergency, the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) will respond and summon the appropriate resources to assist in the response to the incident. All incident reports are forwarded to the respective Campus Executive Director for review and for potential action, as appropriate. The Safety & Security department will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

If assistance is required from the respective Police Department or Fire Department, the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) will contact the appropriate responders. In the event of a report pertaining to a crime included under Title IX, such as sexual assault, associates (including the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, and Global Security Operations Center (GSOC)) will offer the victim a variety of services and/or resources.

Clery Geography

On-Campus: Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes, including any building or property that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes.

Non-Campus Building or Property: Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of or in relation to the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Note: WCU does not have non-campus property.

Public Property: All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The WCU crime statistics do not include crimes that occur in privately owned homes or businesses within or adjacent to the WCU's geography.

Please visit the following website to see WCU's Clery geography & patrol jurisdiction:

<https://westcoastuniversity.edu/legal/title-ix>

Daily Crime Log

Criminal incidents, or alleged criminal incidents reported to the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) are recorded in the daily crime log and are available upon request from the front desk associate on each campus at the following locations:

Campus	Address
Center for Graduate Studies	590 N Vermont, Los Angeles, CA 90004
Texas Campus	2323 N Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080
Los Angeles Campus	12215 Victory Blvd, N Hollywood, CA 91606
Miami Campus	9250 NW 36 th St, Doral FL, 33178
Ontario Campus	2855 E Guasti Rd, Ontario, CA 91761
Orange County Campus	1477 S Manchester Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801
	2411 W. La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801

The Vice President, Safety & Security or designee maintains the crime log through an electronic reporting system. The crime log contains a record of all crimes reported that occurred within WCU's Clery geography.

Information will be withheld from the Daily Crime Log if there is clear and convincing evidence that release of the information would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation, the safety of an individual, cause a suspect to flee or evade capture, or result in the destruction of evidence. Only the information necessary to avoid potential adverse effects will be withheld. The information withheld will be released once the adverse effect previously described is no longer likely to occur. The crime log includes the nature (classification), case number, date, time reported, and date and time the crime occurred or allegedly occurred.

The crime log also contains the general location of the reported crime and disposition of the crime, if known. Only a law enforcement agency can make the determination that a reported crime did not occur. In such situations, the disposition would be noted as "unfounded." An entry, an addition to an entry, or change in the disposition of a complaint must be recorded in the crime log within two business days of the incident reported or the information provided to the campus security department.

TIMELY WARNING NOTICES

Timely Warning Standard

In the event a crime is reported, or a situation arises, within the WCU Clery Geography, that in the judgment of the Vice President, Safety & Security or the Safety & Security Manager, and in consultation with responsible authorities when time permits, constitutes a serious or continuing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” notice will be issued. Timely Warning Notices are usually distributed for the following Uniformed Crime Reporting Program (UCR)/National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) classifications: major incidents of arson, murder/non negligent manslaughter, a string of Burglaries or Motor Vehicle Thefts that occur in reasonably close proximity to one another, and robbery. Cases of aggravated assault and sex offenses are considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the facts of the case and the information known by the Vice President, Safety & Security. The Vice President, Safety & Security or designee reviews all reports to determine if there is an on-going threat to the community and if the distribution of a Crime Alert is warranted. Crime alerts could include other Clery crimes as determined necessary by the Vice President, Safety & Security or designee.

IMPORTANT: Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) by phone at (855) 955-9911 or in person at the security desk.

Distribution of Timely Warning

The warning will be issued to students, faculty, and associates via LiveSafe Mass Notification System (MNS), which includes mass email, text, and text-to-voice phone calls. All members of the WCU community must provide an email address to the institution to facilitate this communication and are encouraged to provide cell phone contact information as well. As an additional measure of communication, bulletins are placed at entry points to affected campus facilities to reach guests and visitors, if deemed appropriate based on the nature of the crime. Timely warning notices will be provided in a manner that is timely, that withholds the names of victims as confidential, and that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences.

Timely Warning Content

The Vice President, Safety & Security, Safety & Security Manager, or the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) will develop the content of the timely warning notices and is responsible for disseminating the information to the students and associates by sending the mass communication. When issuing the Timely Warning, the University withholds all personally identifying information about the victim.

CAMPUS POLICY STATEMENTS

Access, Security and Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Campus administrators are responsible for determining access rights and hours. The campus facilities are typically open and accessible to students, associates, and visitors during normal building hours and into the evening hours, depending on class and activity schedules. In general, the building and parking areas are secured after the last class in the building ends, although some administrative offices are secured after normal business hours. Physical security of the building is the responsibility of the Vice President, Safety & Security through contracted security partners who actively patrol the campus and respond to calls for service. Security is enhanced through utilization of security technology (such as: electronic access control systems, alarm systems, and where appropriate, CCTV systems). Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes unsafe conditions. Contracted security partners and Facilities Technicians regularly evaluate campus buildings and grounds, and report malfunctioning lights and other unsafe physical conditions to the appropriate department for correction.

The Vice President, Safety & Security conducts periodic risk assessments of all campuses. Students, associates, and faculty are invited to review and to offer suggestions about where additional lighting or physical improvements may enhance the overall safety and security of the area. To request a copy of the risk assessment or to report potentially unsafe or hazardous conditions, contact the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) at any time by calling (855) 955-9911.

Residence Halls

West Coast University does not maintain residential facilities on campuses.

Monitoring and Recording of Criminal Activity by Students at Non-campus locations of Recognized Student Organizations

WCU does not have officially recognized student organizations that own or control housing facilities outside of the WCU core campus.

Clinical and Externship Sites

Students assigned to Clinical Sites or Externship Sites are typically provided with the host site's safety management plan and phone numbers to call in case of emergency or concern.

West Coast University does not own or control the site or any space within the clinical or externship sites.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy

WCU maintains a zero-tolerance policy with regard to possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages on campus and strictly enforces University policy prohibiting these violations and underage drinking. The state underage drinking laws are enforced by the appropriate local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction based on where the violation occurred. WCU maintains a zero-tolerance policy with regard to possession, use, and sale of illegal drugs on campus and University policy prohibiting violations of federal and state drug laws. The local police agency with jurisdiction based on where the violation occurred strictly enforces federal and state drug laws.

WCU associates and faculty are provided with drug and alcohol-abuse information as per the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) in the associate handbook during orientation. Students are provided with drug and alcohol-abuse information in their student enrollment packets. This information is updated annually or as circumstances dictate. WCU refers all persons identified in need of drug and or alcohol abuse counseling to a confidential referral program. For more information, students should contact the Director of Student Affairs.

WCU associates and faculty should contact the Human Resources Department. Information provided in compliance with the DFSCA can be found online at: [Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Policy](#)

(HEOA) Notification to Victims of Crimes of Violence

WCU will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary hearing or investigation conducted by the university against a student or associate who is the alleged perpetrator of such a crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, WCU will provide the results of the disciplinary hearing or investigation to the victim's next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of this paragraph if so requested.

Sex Offender Registration

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on October 28, 2000, requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice, as required under State law, of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, volunteers services or is a student.

You may obtain information about registered sex offenders as provided by each respective state under section 121 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006:

California: <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>

Texas: <https://publicsite.dps.texas.gov/SexOffenderRegistry/Search>

Florida: <https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/home.jsf>

Policy on Weapons on Campus

WCU is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment.

WCU policy prohibits all persons who enter University property from possession, use, manufacturing, distributing, sales, etc. of any firearm, knives, explosives of any kind, TASERS, or other weapons capable of threatening or producing bodily harm, regardless of whether the person is licensed to carry the weapon or not; with the exception of authorized law enforcement officials, contracted security personnel, and WCU associates specifically authorized to carry weapons for security purposes. Anyone found in violation of WCU's policies shall be subject to disciplinary policies and procedures applicable to students, associates, and/or criminal prosecution by the appropriate jurisdiction.

Individuals should immediately report weapons violations to the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) at the campus or by dialing (855) 955-9911 or call 911 if they feel an immediate threat of bodily harm. It is important to provide a description and location of the individual carrying the weapon. Contracted security partners have and will continue to investigate any threat to the safety of WCU students and associates.

Criminal Statutes and University Policy

Conduct may be punishable under both criminal statutes and university policy. These processes are separate and distinct from one another but can run concurrently. The codification of Criminal Sexual Assault is located in Ca. Code §261 through §269 and can be accessed on the Code of California web site at: [Code of California Criminal Sexual Assault](#)

See Ca. Code §261.5 for the age of consent under California law:

[California Age of Consent](#)

See Tex. Penal Code § 21.02 for the age of consent under Texas law:

[Texas Age of Consent](#)

See FL Title XLVI § 800.04 for the age of consent under Florida law:

[Florida Age of Consent](#)

Anti-Retaliation Policy

Retaliation is defined as the taking of an adverse action against a person because of his or her opposition to unlawful discrimination or participation in a complaint, investigation, or lawsuit about discrimination. Retaliation includes acts like taking actions to affect a person's academic or school-related activities such as threats, unjustified negative evaluations, unjustified negative references, or increased surveillance, and any other action such as an assault or unfounded civil or criminal charges that are likely to deter reasonable people from pursuing their rights.

It is unlawful and a violation of this policy to retaliate against any person who has brought a good-faith complaint of discrimination or harassment or who has assisted in the investigation of a complaint of discrimination or harassment. Retaliation, whether actual or threatened, destroys the sense of community and trust that is critical to a learning and work environment. WCU considers acts or threats of retaliation in response to such disclosures or participation to constitute a serious violation of WCU's policy, which may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against the retaliator.

It is important to note that impermissible retaliation can occur even in those circumstances where it is determined that the complaint brought was without merit.

The University takes all allegations of retaliation seriously. Any allegation of retaliation should be reported immediately to Human Resources, Student Services or Title IX Coordinator, where the appropriate measures will be taken.

Discrimination Policy

West Coast University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs. Sexual harassment and sexual violence are types of sex discrimination. Other acts can also be forms of sex-based discrimination and are also prohibited whether sexually based or not and include sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. As a result, the University issues this statement of policy to inform the community of this comprehensive plan addressing sexual misconduct, educational programs, and procedures that address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, whether the incident occurs on or off campus and when it is reported to a university official. In this context, WCU prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and reaffirms its commitment to maintain a campus environment emphasizing the dignity and worth of all members of the university community.

It is the policy of West Coast University that no member of the campus community - students, faculty, administrators, associates, vendors, contractors, or third parties, may conduct sexual violence or harassment on any other member of our community.

Policy Statement Addressing Preventing and Responding to Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

WCU provides resources to assist in the prevention and response to reported incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. West Coast University issues this statement of policy to inform the campus community of our programs to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as well as the procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, which will be followed when it is reported to a University official.

Risk Reduction

While learning about risk reduction strategies can be a helpful first step in understanding the context of violence, it is never meant to attribute blame to victims for not having recognized signs of abuse. The perpetrator of abuse and violence is always the one responsible and should never be excused due to a victim's behavior, decisions, or judgments. Offering risk reduction information is meant to provide an educational foundation for recognizing signs of abuse, not just for those who may be at risk of experiencing it, but to help our community understand, recognize, and acknowledge the behaviors as harmful.

Engaged Bystander

While some forms of sexual violence may not be illegal, such as sexist jokes, catcalling, or vulgar gestures, this does not make them any less threatening or harmful to the victimized person. These behaviors contribute to a culture that accepts sexual violence. Bystanders can speak up when they witness these actions to foster healthy sexuality and safer communities. Many opportunities exist in daily life where society can prevent behaviors that promote sexual violence.

WCU is an advocate for bystander intervention. Safe and positive bystander intervention may be carried out by an individual to prevent harm or to intervene when there is a risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking against a person other than themselves.

An engaged bystander is someone who intervenes before, during, or after a situation when they see or hear behaviors that promote sexual violence. It is common for people to witness situations where someone makes an inappropriate sexual comment or innuendo, tells a rape joke, or touches someone in a sexual manner. Bystanders might also witness other forms of sexual violence. Bystanders who witness the behavior or hear the comment can intervene in a way that will help create a safer environment. Research has shown that bystander programs can produce positive results by increasing participants' knowledge of sexual violence, decreasing participants' acceptance of rape myths, and increasing the likelihood that they will intervene. Engaged bystanders help create healthy communities and help others build safe and respectful environments by discouraging victim blaming, changing social norms that accept sexual violence, and shifting the responsibility to prevent sexual violence to all community members.

When and How to Intervene

Every situation is different and there is no universal response when intervening to prevent sexual violence. Safety is important in deciding when and how to respond to sexual violence. Every person must decide for themselves the safest and most meaningful way to become an engaged bystander. The following are ideas on how one can maintain safety while being an engaged bystander:

- If you witness sexual violence, get support from people around you. You do not have to act alone.
- Practice with friends and family about what you would say and how you would say it
- When intervening, be respectful, direct, and honest
- Contact your local sexual assault center to see if they offer resources or training on bystander intervention.
- Visit: <http://www.nsvrc.org/organizations/state-and-territory-coalitions> for coalition contact information.
- If you see or hear something and you do not feel safe, contact the police

When Alcohol is Involved

Unfortunately, bystanders are less likely to intervene when alcohol is involved, particularly when both the victim and offender have been drinking. Alcohol is never a cause of rape or an excuse for committing a crime; consent cannot be obtained when someone is incapacitated due to alcohol or other substances.

Role of Social Media

During and after acts of sexual violence, social media and online anonymous websites could provide venues for harmful comments and abusive behavior toward others. This might include threatening the distribution of photos or videos of the assault. Responsible bystanders play a powerful role in showing support for survivors, challenging disrespectful comments, and changing the culture to end violence.

Bystander CARE

“A good friend knows how to **CARE**.”

Create a Distraction

Ask Directly

Refer to an authority

Enlist others

Create a distraction

Do what you can to interrupt the situation. A distraction can give the person at risk a chance to get to a safe place. Cut off the conversation with a diversion like, “Let’s get pizza, I’m starving,” or “This party is lame. Let’s try somewhere else.” Bring out fresh food or drinks and offer them to everyone at the party, including the people you are concerned about. Start an activity that draws other people in, like a game, a debate, or a dance party.

Ask directly

Talk directly to the person who might be in trouble. Ask questions like “Who did you come here with?” or “Would you like me to stay with you?”

Refer to an authority

Sometimes the safest way to intervene is to refer to a neutral party with the authority to change the situation, like a security officer. Talk to a security officer, bartender, or another associate about your concerns. It is in their best interest to ensure that their patrons are safe, and they will usually be willing to step in. Do not hesitate to call 911 if you are concerned for someone else’s safety.

Enlist others

It can be intimidating to approach a situation alone. Enlist another person to support you. Ask someone to come with you to approach the person at risk. When it comes to expressing concern, sometimes there is power in numbers. Ask someone to intervene in your place. For example, you could ask someone who knows the person at risk to escort them to the bathroom. Enlist the friend of the person you are concerned about. “Your friend looks like they’ve had a lot to drink. Can you check on them?”

Bystander Intervention Examples

At school

A group starts making sexual gestures and comments to another student. The student tries to ignore the comments but becomes upset. An engaged bystander could tell the group to stop harassing the student or ask the student if they want to leave and tell an instructor, associate, Security or Dean.

At a party

A friend starts flirting with someone. The other person is not interested, but the friend will not leave them alone. An engaged bystander could go up to the friend and start a conversation to distract them from the uninterested person.

At work

Someone overhears a female supervisor say that she wishes her boyfriend had a butt like one of her male associates. An engaged bystander could talk with the supervisor directly or report the incident based on the workplace's sexual harassment policy.

Online

There are comments posted in regard to a story about a sexual assault that imply that the person deserved to get raped because of how they were dressed and how much they had to drink. An engaged bystander could respond to the comments by posting that it is never the survivor's fault if he or she is sexually assaulted, and that the responsibility lies with the person who chose to commit sexual violence.

Signs of Stalking

Stalking occurs when a person repeatedly watches, follows, or harasses you, making you feel afraid, unsafe or uncomfortable. It is intentional and often uncontrolled. A stalker can be someone you know, a past boyfriend or girlfriend or a stranger. Here are some examples of what a stalker may do:

- Send you unwanted text messages, letters, emails, and voicemails, often repeatedly and numerous
- Show up at your residence or place of work unannounced or uninvited
- Follow you with or without your knowledge
- Leave items like gifts or flowers that could seem romantic or non-threatening but are unwanted
- Constantly call and hang up
- Use social networking sites and technology to track you or repeatedly try to engage you
- Spread rumors about you via the internet or word of mouth
- Call your employer or instructor
- Wait at places you hang out or outside your classroom or residence
- Try to get information about you through others, i.e. looking at your Facebook page through someone else's page or befriending your friends in order to get more information about you
- Damage your home, car or other property

This list is not inclusive of all behaviors of stalking. However, if you think you or someone you know is being stalked on or off campus, call the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) at (855)955-9911 or seek resources and support to help.

Examples of Domestic/Intimate Partner/Dating Violence

Domestic/Intimate Partner/Dating Violence can happen to anyone. It can happen to partners who are married, living together, or dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. Domestic/Intimate Partner/Dating Violence not only affects those abused, but also has an impact on family members, friends, co-workers, other witnesses, and the community at large.

Domestic/Intimate Partner/Dating Violence encompasses physical, psychological, sexual, economic, and emotional harm by a current or former partner or spouse. This type of violence can occur among straight or same-sex couples and falls in this category even if there is no sexual intimacy. Women ages 16 to 24 are three times more likely to experience intimate partner violence than women of other age groups. The goal is to stop the violence before it begins but often individuals are uncertain if experiences are considered abusive, particularly when there has been an ongoing relationship.

The list below provides some examples of behaviors that demonstrate abuse in a relationship or could lead to abuse:

- A partner acts extremely jealous when you talk to others
- A partner calls you names and puts you down
- A partner is always checking up on you, calling or texting, and has to know where you are and who you are with at all times
- A partner isolates you from your friends and family by demanding your time, or threatening you when you try to spend time with others
- A partner gets too serious about the relationship too fast and feels possessive
- A partner is abusive and loses their temper but always excuses themselves or does not accept responsibility for their actions
- A partner tries to control you by making all the decisions, tell you what you should and should not do
- A partner demands sexual intimacy when you are not willing or interested
- A partner threatens violence
- A partner physically, verbally, or sexually assaults you

In response to the abuse in a relationship, you might engage in these behaviors:

- Give up things that are important to you
- Cancel plans with friends to appease the other person
- Become isolated from family or friends
- Worry about making your partner angry
- Find others ask you about signs of physical abuse, fear, or intimidation or if you are ok
- Feel embarrassed or ashamed about what is going on in your relationship
- Make excuses for your partner's behavior

If you think you have experienced some of these behaviors in your relationship, or know someone who has, contact a Campus Security Authority. Please see the below resources for further information.

Risk Reduction, Warning Signs of Abusive Behavior and Future Attacks

No victim is ever to blame for being assaulted or abused. Unfortunately, a person who is the victim of sexual or dating violence is more likely to be re-victimized. Below are some tips to help reduce your risk, to recognize warnings signs of abusive behavior and how to avoid potential attacks.

Warning Signs of Abusive Behavior

Domestic and dating abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to violence. And, while physical injury may be the most obvious danger, the emotional and psychological consequences of domestic and dating violence are also severe.

Warning signs of dating and domestic violence include the following:

- Being afraid of your partner
- Constantly watching what you say to avoid a "blow up"
- Feelings of low self-worth and helplessness about your relationship
- Feeling isolated from family or friends because of your relationship
- Hiding bruises or other injuries from family or friends
- Being prevented from working, studying, going home, and/or using technology (including your cell phone)
- Being monitored by your partner at home, work, or school
- Being forced to do things you do not want to do

Help Reduce Your Risk and Avoid Potential Attacks

If you are being abused or suspect that someone you know is being abused, speak up or intervene.

- Get help by contacting the Counseling Center or Health Center for support services (listed on the following pages)
- Learn how to look for “red flags” in relationships so you can learn to avoid some of those characteristics in future partners
- Consider making a report with the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) and/or the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator or other Title IX Personnel and ask for a “no contact” directive from the university to prevent future contact
- Consider getting a protective order
- Learn more about what behaviors constitute dating and domestic violence, understand it is not your fault, and talk with friends and family members about ways you can be supported
- Trust your instincts—if something does not feel right in a relationship, speak up or end it

Sexual Assault Prevention (from RAINN)

- Be aware of rape drugs
- Try not to leave your drink unattended
- Only drink from un-opened containers or from drinks you have watched being made and poured
- Avoid group drinks like punch bowls
- Cover your drink. It is easy to slip in a small pill even while you are holding your drink. Hold a cup with your hand over the top or choose drinks that are contained in a bottle and keep your thumb over the nozzle.
- If you feel extremely tired or drunk for no apparent reason, you may have been drugged. Find your friends and ask them to leave with you as soon as possible.
- If you suspect you have been drugged, go to a hospital, and ask to be tested
- Keep track of how many drinks you have had
- Try to arrive and leave with a group of people you trust
- Avoid giving out your personal information (phone number, where you live, etc.). If someone asks for your number, take his/her number instead of giving out yours

Traveling around Campus (walking)

- Make sure your cell phone is easily accessible and fully charged
- Be aware of open buildings where you can use a phone
- Keep some change accessible just in case you need to use a pay phone
- Take major, public paths rather than less populated shortcuts
- Avoid dimly lit places and talk to campus administrators if lights need to be installed in an area
- Avoid putting music headphones in both ears so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone
- Carry a noisemaker (like a whistle) on your keychain
- Carry a small flashlight on your keychain
- If walking feels unsafe, contact the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) at (855) 955-9911

SECURITY AWARENESS AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

During the 2023 – 2024 academic year, WCU offered crime prevention and security awareness programs. Topics such as personal safety, drug and alcohol abuse awareness and sexual assault prevention are some examples of programs offered during the prior academic year.

During student orientation sessions and new associate orientation sessions, students, faculty, and associates are provided with primary training and are informed of services offered by WCU and off campus resources. The common theme of all security awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students, faculty and associates to be aware of their shared responsibility with the university for their own security and the security of others.

All students and associates had the option to participate in security awareness and crime prevention programs via asynchronous video-based training modules provided by 360StaySafe. The program includes personal safety modules which provide practical tips including security awareness training, identity theft protection techniques, and active shooter training. The program is separated into twelve modules and also includes prevention and awareness information regarding the crimes of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. This information explores forming healthy relationships, identifying and protecting oneself against controlling behaviors, safe and positive options for bystander intervention and information on risk reduction. All modules encourage students and associates to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.

Participants in these programs are asked to be alert, security-conscious and involved, and advised to call GSOC to report suspicious behavior. For additional questions regarding crime prevention, contact the Safety & Security Department directly at (855) 955-9911.

VAWA Programs to Prevent Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

The University engages in comprehensive, intentional, and integrated programming, initiatives, strategies, and campaigns intended to end dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking that:

1. are culturally relevant, inclusive of diverse communities and identities, sustainable, responsive to community needs, and informed by research, or assessed for value, effectiveness, or outcome; and
2. consider environmental risk and protective factors as they occur on the individual, relationship, institutional, community and societal levels.

Educational programming consists of primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new associates and ongoing awareness and prevention campaigns for students that address the following concepts:

1. How the institution prohibits the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (as defined by the Clery Act and as those terms are defined later in this document)
2. Explains the definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking according to any applicable jurisdictional definitions of these terms
3. Incorporates what actions constitute consent, in reference to sexual activity, in the States of California, Texas and Florida
4. Provides WCU's definition of consent for purposes of engaging in sexual activity and the purposes for which that definition is used that can be found on page 68 of this document.
5. Describes safe and positive options for bystander intervention. Bystander intervention means safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Bystander intervention includes recognizing situations of potential harm, understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence, overcoming barriers to intervening, identifying safe and effective intervention options, and taking action to intervene.

6. Provides information on risk reduction. Risk reduction means options designed to decrease perpetration and bystander inaction, and to increase empowerment for victims in order to promote safety and to help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence.
7. The university also provides information regarding:
 - a. Procedures victims should follow if a crime of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking occurs (as described in "Procedures Victims Should Follow if a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Occurs" elsewhere in this document)
 - b. How the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties (as described in "Assistance for Victims: Rights and Options" elsewhere in this document)
 - c. Existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services/resources available for victims, both within the institution and in the community (as described in "Assistance for Victims: Rights and Options" elsewhere in this document)
 - d. Options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures (as described in "Assistance for Victims: Rights and Options" elsewhere in this document)
 - e. Procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as described in "Adjudication of Violations" elsewhere in this document)

Primary Prevention and Awareness Programs

WCU educates the entire community that includes students, faculty and associates about crime prevention and awareness through mandatory training required to be taken by students during their time in university. Faculty and associates are required to complete the training during their new employment orientation and on an annual basis going forward. Students have the option to review the training online at any time.

The university provides mandatory training that each student must complete to learn about how to form healthy relationships while in university, sexual misconduct, active bystanders, etc.

The following modules are offered continuously throughout the year and students and Associates are encouraged to participate in any and all of these sessions:

- Forming Healthy Relationships
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Bystander Intervention
- Protecting Your Possessions and Identity
- Everyday Safety
- Common Sense Defense
- Racial Discrimination and Classism
- Religious Discrimination
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination
- Non-traditional College Student
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness

All faculty and associates must take Title IX training that incorporates the topics above.

Procedures Victims Should Follow if a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Occurs

After an incident of sexual assault, dating violence or domestic violence, the victim should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible at a local emergency room to have a rape kit completed ¹. This could help to preserve evidence in proving that the illegal criminal offense occurred. It also may help in obtaining a protective order by the victim or in the case if the victim decides to file a police report. No law enforcement charges are required in order to have a rape kit collected; however, the victim must use his/her legal name.

Police Department and hospitals that perform SANE (sexual assault evidence collection services) contact information is listed beginning on Page 23.

If you have been sexually assaulted

- Get to a safe place. (For example -- someone's home, the nearest hospital, or police department)
- Call 911 to be taken to an emergency room for medical care and/or for immediate police protection and assistance. When you call 911, explain what has happened and request to be sent to an emergency department that has a SANE nurse (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.)
- Alternatively, go directly to the nearest Emergency Room. If you go to the nearest emergency department that does not have SANE services, you can be transferred to the nearest facility.

It is important that a victim of sexual assault not bathe, douche, smoke, change clothing or clean the bed/linen area where they were assaulted if the offense occurred within the past 96 hours so that evidence as may be necessary to the proof that criminal activity is occurring or has occurred may be preserved. In circumstances of sexual assault, if victims do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease. Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence are encouraged to also preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, and keeping pictures, logs, or other copies of documents, if any exist, that would be useful to university hearing boards/investigators or police and that may assist in proving that the illegal criminal offense occurred or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order.

¹ Under the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, starting in 2009, states must certify that they do not "require a victim of sexual assault to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement in order to be provided with a forensic medical exam, reimbursement for charges incurred on account of such an exam, or both."

As time passes, evidence may dissipate or become lost or unavailable, thereby making investigation, possible prosecution, disciplinary proceedings, or obtaining protection from abuse orders related to the incident more difficult. If a victim chooses not to make a complaint regarding an incident, he or she nevertheless should consider speaking with the Safety & Security Department or law enforcement to preserve evidence in the event that the victim decides to report the incident to law enforcement or the University at a later date to assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or that may be helpful in obtaining a protection order.

If a student or associate has been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the complainant should report the incident promptly to the Title IX Coordinator or Human Resources, (949-783-4029) by calling, writing, or coming into the office to report in person and the Safety & Security Department (if the victim so desires.)

Involvement of Law Enforcement and Campus Authorities

Although the university strongly encourages all members of its community to report crimes to law enforcement in the jurisdiction where the offense occurred, it is the victim's choice whether or not to make such a report and victims have the right to decline involvement with the police. In addition, the victim may choose to be assisted by appropriate campus personnel, including the Title IX Coordinator or a Campus Security Authority in notifying law enforcement authorities. If the victim would like to contact the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) (855) 955-9911 and/or local authorities either of the following maybe completed:

1. File a police report but not have charges brought against the respondent. Charges may be brought at a later time if desired and the prosecuting attorney's office agrees, however, evidence may be lost. Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to get a rape kit done and cooperate fully with an investigation so the possibility of filing criminal charges may be an option when they are ready to pursue, if ever.
2. File a police report and ask that the investigation and charges be pursued immediately. While the prosecuting attorney is still the decision-maker in whether the perpetrator is charged criminally, the victim can cooperate and provide as much timely cooperation and information as may be possible.

Police Department contact information is listed beginning on Page 23.

IMPORTANT: Victims under the age of 18 that file a report with Campus Security Authorities will be deemed a child in need and the appropriate authorities will decide whether to pursue charges.

If a student or associate has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under the WCU Title IX policy, the complainant should report the incident promptly to the Title IX Coordinator) or Human Resources, (949-783-4029) by calling, writing or coming into the office to report in person and may also provide information on the incident to the Safety & Security Department. All reports and complaints related to Title IX that are made to WCU employees are provided to the Title IX Coordinator.

Information provided regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking made to the Safety & Security Department will automatically be referred to the Title IX Coordinator for evaluation and, if appropriate, investigation regardless of if the complainant choses to pursue criminal charges.

The University will provide a number of resources to persons who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and the University will apply appropriate disciplinary procedures to those who violate the Title IX policy.

RESOURCES

On/Off Campus Resources

WCU does not offer on campus resources in health, mental health, counseling, victim advocacy, legal assistance, or visa and immigration assistance. Students should access the off-campus resources in their area of residence or use the chart below to utilize resources near campus. If you need help, contact your Title IX Coordinator or Safety & Security on your campus. Either of the offices can assist you in connecting with the resources you need. If you need immediate assistance, call 9-1-1.

Student Financial Aid is available on campus. For further information, please contact:

Campus	Address
Orange County	Student Financial Aid Office Address: 1477 S. Manchester Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802 Email: tSalcedo@westcoastuniversity.edu Phone: 714-782-1706
Ontario	Student Financial Aid Office Address: 2855 E. Guasti Rd, Ontario, CA 91761 Email: alsanchez@westcoastuniversity.edu Phone: 909-467-6020
Los Angeles – Center for Graduate Studies	Student Financial Aid Office Address: 590 N. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004 Email: ebueno@westcoastuniversity.edu Phone: 323-454-5039
Los Angeles	Student Financial Aid Office Address: 12215 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91606 Email: tCabuco@westcoastuniversity.edu Phone: 818-299-5506
Texas (Richardson)	Student Financial Aid Office Address: 2323 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080 Email: dvelarde@westcoastuniversity.edu Phone: 214-453-4258
Miami	Student Financial Aid Office Address: 9250 NW 36 th St, Doral, FL 33178 Email: siSutherland@westcoastuniversity.edu Phone: 786-482-7440

Off campus resources for victims are included below, organized by region:

Orange County

LOCAL Police Department	Anaheim Police Department 425 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92805 (714) 765-1900
STATE Police Department	California Highway Patrol 13200 Goldenwest St, Westminster, CA 92683 (714) 622-3600
Closest Emergency Room	Anaheim Regional Medical Center 1111 W. La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801 (714) 774-1450
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	Anaheim Regional Medical Center 1111 W. La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801 (714) 774-1450
Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Court)	North Justice Center – Orange County Superior Court 1275 N. Berkeley Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832 (657) 622-5600
Where to obtain a Restraining Order	Lamoreaux Justice Center 341 The City Drive South – Room 705, Orange, CA 92868 (657) 622-5720, (657) 622-5756 or the Domestic Violence Hotline: (714) 992-1931
Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Victim Services 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 834-4317
Legal Assistance	Legal Aid Society of Orange County 2101 N. Tustin Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 571-5200
Counseling	Mental Health Association of Orange County 1971 E. 4 th Street, Suite 130A, Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 547-7559 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Health	Amistad Medical Clinic – Anaheim 606 S. Euclid Street, Anaheim, CA 92802 (714) 635-8570 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com

Mental Health	Mental Health Association of Orange County 1971 E. 4 th Street, Suite 130A, Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 547-7559 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Visa & Immigration Assistance	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services 8381 La Palma Ave. #A, Buena Park, CA 90620 (800) 375-5283 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Orange County 32118 Paseo Adelanto #9A, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 Tel: 714-430-8771 http://www.chirla.org
Rape Crisis	Community Service Programs North Orange County Courthouse 1275 N. Berkeley Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832 (714) 957-2737 – 24 Hour Hotline
Battered Women’s Shelter	Human Options Business office - 5540 Trabuco Rd, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92620 (877) 854-3594 – 24 Hour Hotline
Resources Specific to Male Victims	Community Service Programs North Orange County Courthouse 1275 N. Berkeley Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832 (714) 957-2737 – 24 Hour Hotline
Resources for the LGBTQ community	LGBTQ Center of Orange County 1605 N. Spurgeon St, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 953-5428

Ontario

LOCAL Police Department	Ontario Police Department 2500 S. Archibald Ave, Ontario, CA 91761 (909) 395-2001
STATE Police Department	California Highway Patrol 9530 Pittsburgh Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 980-3994
Closest Emergency Room	Arrowhead Regional Center 400 N Pepper Ave, Colton, CA 92324 (909) 580-1000 Toll Free: (877) USE-ARMC
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	Pomona Valley Medical Center 1798 North Garey Ave, Pomona, CA 91767 (909) 865-9500
Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (Court)	San Bernardino County District Attorney 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 382-3800

Where to obtain a Restraining Order	San Bernardino County District Attorney 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 382-3800
Victim Advocacy	San Bernardino Victim Services Center 316 North Mt. View Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 387-6540 Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse 8303 Haven Ave., 4th Floor Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 350-9764
Legal Assistance	Inland Counties Legal Services 3500 Porsche Way #200, Ontario, CA 91764 (888) 245-43257
Counseling	Olive Branch Counseling Centers – Rancho Cucamonga Center 9033 Baseline Rd. Suite A, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 989-9030 Ext 103 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Health	Clinica Salud and Familia 1019 E. Holt Ave, Pomona, CA 91767 (909) 623-7799 Central Urgent Medical Care 9695 Baseline Rd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 941-0920 Advanced Medical and Urgent Care Center 974 W. Foothill Blvd, Upland, CA 91786 (909) 981-2273 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Mental Health	Phoenix Community Counseling 820 E. Gilbert St, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 387-7200 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Financial Aid	Community Action Partnership 696 S. Tippecanoe Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92408 (909) 723-1500

Visa & Immigration Assistance	Inland County Legal Services 3500 Porsche W. Suite 200, Ontario, CA 91764 (888) 245-4257 http://www.inlandlegal.org Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of San Bernardino 330 North D Street Suite 424, San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 475-0687 http://chirla.org/
Rape Crisis	Partners Against Violence 444 N. Arrowhead Ave., # 101 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 885-8884
Battered Women's Shelter	Option House 813 N D St #A San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 383-1602
Resources Specific to Male Victims	San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services 444 N. Arrowhead Ave., # 101 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (800) 656-4673 -24 Hour Hotline
Resources for the LGBTQ community	The LGBT Community Center of the Desert 1301 N. Palm Canyon Dr. 3 rd Floor, Palm Springs, CA 92262 (760) 416-7790

Los Angeles

LOCAL Police Department	Los Angeles Police Department-Rampart 1401 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213)-484-3400 Los Angeles Police Department - North Hollywood 11640 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 (818)-754-8300
STATE Police Department	California Highway Patrol 411 N. Central Ave. #410, Glendale, CA 91203 (818) 240-8200
Closest Emergency Room	Good Samaritan Hospital 1225 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 977-2121
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	LAC + USC Medical Center 2051 Marengo St., Los Angeles, CA 90033 (323) 409-1000
Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Court)	Central Civil West Courthouse 600 South Commonwealth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 351-8738
Where to obtain a protective order	Stanley Mosk Courthouse Restraining Order Center – Room 245 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 830-0830 Option #4

<p>Victim Advocacy</p>	<p>1736 Family Crisis Center 2116 Arlington Ave. Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90018 (323) 737-3900</p> <p>East Los Angeles Women's Center 1431 S. Atlantic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90022 (323) 526-5819 Hotline (800) 585-6231</p>
<p>Legal Assistance</p>	<p>Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County 1104 E. Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, CA 91205 (800) 433-6251 http://www.nlsla.org/</p> <p>Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Ron Olson Justice Center 1550 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (800) 399-4529</p>
<p>Counseling</p>	<p>Intercommunity Counseling Center 7702 Washington Ave., Whittier, CA 90602 (562) 698-1272</p> <p>VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com</p>
<p>Health</p>	<p>Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic 3324 W Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026 (323) 660-2400 or (323) 660-1408</p> <p>Knights of Malta Free Clinic 2222 Ocean View Ave #112, Los Angeles, CA 90057 (213) 384-4323</p> <p>VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com</p>
<p>Mental Health</p>	<p>Center for Individual & Family Counseling 5445 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91607 (818)761-2227</p> <p>Southern California Counseling Center 5615 Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019 (323) 937-1344</p> <p>VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com</p>

Visa & Immigration Assistance	Public Counsel – Immigrant’s Rights Project 610 S. Ardmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 385-2977 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, CA 2533 W. 3 rd . St., Suite 101, Los Angeles, CA 90057 (213) 353-1333 http://www.chirla.org/
Rape Crisis	Peace Over Violence 1541 Wilshire Blvd, 3 FL, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 955-9090 Hotline (310) 392-8381
Battered Women’s Shelter	Violence Intervention Program/24-Hour Domestic Violence Response Team 1721 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031 (323) 226-2095
Resources Specific to Male Victims	Los Angeles Trauma Therapy Group https://latraumagroup.com/contact.html
Resources for the LGBTQ community	Los Angeles LGBT Center – McDonald/Wright Building 1625 N Schrader Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90028 (323) 993-7400

Texas (Richardson)

LOCAL Police Department	Richardson Police Department 200 N. Greenville, Ave., Richardson, TX 75081 (972) 744-4800
STATE Police Department	Texas Highway Patrol 820 N Loop 288 Denton, TX 76209 (940) 484-6661
Closest Emergency Room	Methodist Richardson Medical Center Emergency Room 2831 E. President George Bush Hwy, Richardson, TX 75082 (469) 204-8000
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	Parkland Hospital 5200 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas, TX 75235 (214) 590-8000
Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (Court)	Dallas County District Attorney 133 N. Riverfront Blvd. LB 19 Dallas, TX 75207 (214)653-3600 Collin County District Attorney 2100 Bloomdale Rd. Ste. 100 McKinney, TX 75071 (972) 548-4323

Where to obtain a Restraining Order	Dallas County District Attorney's Office 133 N. Riverfront Blvd., 10th Floor Dallas, TX 75207 (214) 653-6300 Dallas County (972) 424-1460 Collin County
Victim Advocacy	Frank Crowley Courthouse 133 N. Riverfront Blvd., 9th Floor Dallas, TX 75207 (214) 653-5330
Legal Assistance	Dallas District Clerks Office 600 Commerce Street, Suite# 103 Dallas, TX 75202 (214) 653-7307 Legal Aid of North West Texas 901 N. McDonald Street McKinney, TX 75069 (800) 906-3045
Counseling	Journey of Hope 3900 West 15th St. Suite 306 Plano, TX 75075 (972)964-1600 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Health	Care Now 377 W Campbell Rd. Ste 100, Richardson, TX (469)232-2945 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Mental Health	Texas Health Behavioral Health Center Richardson 3661 N Plano Rd. Richardson, TX (682) 236-6023 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Visa & Immigration Assistance	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – Dallas Field Office 6500 Campus Circle Drive East, Irving, TX 75063 (800) 375-5283
Rape Crisis	The Turning Point 3325 Silverstone Dr. Plano, TX 75023 (972) 985-0951, 24-Hour Crisis Hotline (800) 886-7273
Battered Women's Shelter	Hope's Door new Beginning Center 860 F Avenue, Ste. 100, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 276-0057 https://hdnbc.org/
Resources Specific to Male Victims	The Family Place P.O. Box 7999 Dallas, TX 75209 (214) 559-2170

Resources for the LGBTQ community	John Thomas LGBT Community Center 2701 Reagan St. Dallas, TX 75219 (214) 528-9254
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Miami

LOCAL Police Department	City of Doral Police Department 6100 NW 99 th Ave, Doral, FL 33178 (305) 593-6699
STATE Police Department	Miami Dade P.D. Midwest District Station 9105 NW 25 th St, Doral, FL 33172 (305) 471-2800
Closest Emergency Room	Palmetto General Hospital 2001 W 68 th St., Hialeah, FL 33016 (305) 823-5000
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	Jackson Memorial Hospital 1611 NW 12th Ave, Miami, FL 33136 (305) 585-1111
Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Court)	City of Doral, Florida 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, FL 33166 (305) 593-6725
Where to obtain a Restraining Order	Hialeah District Court Domestic Violence Intake – Room 108 11E. 6 th St. Hialeah, FL 33010 (305) 349-5813
Victim Advocacy	Special Victims Bureau 1701 NW 87th Ave. Suite #100, Doral, FL 33172 Email: svbinfo@mdpd.com
Legal Assistance	THE DART PROGRAM – (305) 547-0100 THE MOVES PROGRAM – (305) 547-0100
Counseling	Miami Counseling Resource Center 111 Majorca Ave # B, Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305) 448-8325 http://miamicounseling.com University of Miami: Institute for Individual and Family Counseling 1507 Levante Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33146 (305) 284-6949 https://sites.education.miami.edu/umiifc/ VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com

Health	<p>Community of South Florida 10300 SW 216th St, Miami, FL 33190 (305) 252-4820 http://www.chisouthfl.org</p> <p>VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com</p>
Mental Health	<p>Psychology Today https://psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/fl/miami https://psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/fl/broward-county</p> <p>ThriveWorks (855) 284-7483 http://thriveworks.com/online-counseling/</p> <p>NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness https://namimiami.org/ (9800) 950-NAMI(6264)</p> <p>VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com</p>
Visa & Immigration Assistance	<p>Immigration and Refugee Program 1924 NW 84th Ave. Building 10 – Beacon Center, Doral, FL 33126 (305) 774-6770</p>
Rape Crisis	<p>Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 1611 NW 12th Ave., Miami, FL 33136 (305) 585-7273</p>
Battered Women’s Shelter	<p>Miami Rescue Mission Center for Women & Children 2250 NW 1st Ave., Miami, FL 33127 (305) 571-2250</p>
Resources Specific to Male Victims	<p>Special Victims Bureau 1701 NW 87th Ave., Doral, FL 33127 Email: svbinfo@mdpd.com</p>
Resources for the LGBTQ community	<p>SAVE 1951 NW. 7th Ave. Suite 600, Miami FL, 33136 (305) 751-7283 Email: save@save.lgbt</p>

Online Resources

The Gift of Fear

The Gift of Fear: Survival Signals That Protect Us from Violence is a nonfiction self-help book (1997) written by Gavin de Becker. The book provides strategies to help readers avoid trauma and violence by teaching them various warning signs and precursors to violence. To order *The Gift of Fear*, visit:

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Gift-Fear-Gavin-Becker-ebook/dp/B0036Z9U2A>

MOSAIC Threat Assessment Systems

DV - MOSAIC assesses situations involving domestic violence. DV - MOSAIC is available at no-cost to the public at:

<http://www.mosaicmethod.com>

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network

The Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN) is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. Although there are no proven strategies for "preventing" sexual assault or rape, the following risk-reduction strategies are recommended by RAINN:

Safety planning

<https://www.rainn.org/get-information/sexual-assault-prevention/safety-plan>

Steps you can take in a social situation to prevent sexual assault

<https://rainn.org/get-information/sexual-assault-prevention/protecting-your-friends>

How to respond if someone is pressuring you

<https://www.rainn.org/get-information/sexual-assault-prevention/avoiding-pressure>

Your role as a bystander in preventing sexual assault

<https://rainn.org/get-information/sexual-assault-prevention/bystanders-can-help>

Protecting a child from sexual assault

<https://rainn.org/get-information/sexual-assault-prevention/protecting-a-child-from-sexual-assault>

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence

<http://www.cpedv.org>

The Texas Partnership to End Domestic Violence

<http://avda-tx.org>

Florida Partnership to End Domestic Violence

<https://www.fpedv.org/>

Department of Justice

<https://oag.ca.gov/sexual-violence>

Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

Information Regarding Registered Sex Offenders

You may obtain information about registered sex offenders as provided by each respective state under section 121 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006:

California: <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>

Texas: https://www.dps.texas.gov/administration/crime_records/pages/sexoffender.htm

Florida: <https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/home.jsf>

From the National Domestic Violence Hotline Website Help for Survivors

<https://www.thehotline.org/get-help/>

Article: Moving on Emotionally After an Abusive Relationship

<https://www.thehotline.org/resources/tips-on-rebuilding-and-maintaining-support-after-the-isolation-of-abuse/>

Survivor Stories

<https://www.thehotline.org/resources/seeking-shelter-what-to-expect-how-to-share-your-story-and-what-to-do-if-you-are-denied-assistance/>

Blogpost: Dealing with Shame after Abuse

<https://www.loveisrespect.org/resources/why-am-i-struggling-to-move-on-after-abuse/>

ADJUDICATION OF VIOLATIONS

Procedures for disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence sexual assault or stalking.

WCU's Title IX Policy and Grievance Procedures for the resolution of complaints of Sex-Based Harassment applies in cases of alleged incidents of dating violence, domestic violence sexual assault or stalking. These allegations are collectively included as Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) crimes, but do not only apply to women.

Sex-Based Harassment, as described in the Title IX policy, is a form Sex discrimination and is prohibited by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The VAWA crimes are defined by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, as amended by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. These crimes also are specifically included as prohibited conduct under Title IX.

West Coast University recognizes that it is important to coordinate this policy with other existing policies related to harassment and discrimination, knowing that harassment related to an individual's sex, sexual orientation, or gender expression can occur in conjunction with misconduct and harassment related to a person's race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, pregnancy or parenting status, disability, or other protected status. Therefore, when a report is made of harassment or discrimination based on sex as well as harassment or discrimination based on some other protected status, the University will use all applicable policies respectively to address the reports and will coordinate the investigation and resolution efforts.

For allegations of events occurring on or after August 1, 2024, the following Title IX procedure applies:

The Policy and Procedure is called: Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Policy and Resolution Procedures Under Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (8-1-2024)

The link to the full document may be accessed here: <https://westcoastuniversity.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/WCU-Sex-Discrimination-Policy-Procedures-8-1-24.pdf>

How to File a Disciplinary Complaint Under this Policy

A “report” is an oral or written disclosure to the Title IX Coordinator of Prohibited Conduct, which includes allegations of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Any person may report an allegation of Prohibited Conduct defined by this policy. Reports may be made by the person who experienced the behavior or by a third-party, including, but not limited to, a friend, family member, attorney, staff member, or professor.

A “complaint” means an oral or written request to the institution that objectively can be understood as a request for the institution to investigate and make a determination about alleged discrimination under this policy. For complaints of sex-based harassment, only the complainant or a person with the legal right to act on the complainant’s behalf may make a complaint.

Any individual who may have been subjected to Prohibited Conduct as defined in this policy should contact the Title IX Coordinator. Additionally, the Title IX Coordinator will be informed of all reports of potential violations of this policy received by employees who are mandated to report under this policy or by federal or state law.

A complaint of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, or any other form of sex-based harassment or discrimination may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator by telephone, email, or in person using the below contact information.

Title IX Coordinator	
Audrey Kaplan Vice President, Compliance and Risk Management (949) 743-5765 AKaplan@westcoastuniversity.edu	Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617
Title IX Deputy Coordinators	
Mandy DeJong Regulatory Compliance Associate (949) 783-4952 mDeJong@westcoastuniversity.edu *This Deputy Coordinator has responsibility for providing modifications/supports for pregnancy or related conditions for students.	Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617
Nina Khiev Regulatory Compliance Associate (949) 783-4826 nKhiev@westcoastuniversity.edu *This Deputy Coordinator has responsibility for providing guidance to students who have questions about Title IX regarding the actions of other students.	Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617

<p>Leslie Zarrelli Executive Director, HR Business Partner (202) 794-7768 izarrelli@westcoastuniversity.edu</p> <p>*This Deputy Coordinator has responsibility for providing modifications/supports for pregnancy or related conditions for employees/faculty and for any Title IX complaints that include an employee as a party, but no student as a party.</p>	<p>Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617</p>
<p>To contact the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">San Francisco Office U.S. Department of Education 50 United Nations Plaza San Francisco, CA 94102 Telephone: (415) 486-5555 Facsimile: (415) 486-5570 Email: OCR.SanFrancisco@ed.gov</p>	

How the University Determines Whether This Policy will be Used

This policy applies to acts of Prohibited Conduct that occur within WCU's premises, which includes land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by WCU, either solely or in conjunction with another entity. This includes WCU's computing and networking resources whether accessed on WCU's physical property or remotely. Online and/or social media conduct may violate this policy if it meets the definition of Prohibited Conduct and may also be a violation of other WCU policies. This policy also applies to conduct not on WCU's premises that is associated with an institution-sponsored program or activity, such as travel, clinical sites, or internship programs. WCU may apply this policy to any off-campus conduct that contributes to a hostile environment on campus or within the educational setting. The Title IX Coordinator or designee will reasonably determine when an alleged off-campus incident falls within the jurisdiction of this policy. If a complaint is filed, is an offense that could constitute Prohibited Conduct as defined by this policy, occurs within the programs or activities mentioned above, and is reported to have occurred August 1, 2024 or later, then the Title IX Coordinator will use this policy to proceed with the complaint through the grievance procedures identified in the document. A "report" may be sufficient to initiate portions of the process.

Steps in the Disciplinary Process

All formal grievance procedures involve an investigation followed by a determination of responsibility by a decision maker. WCU utilizes different grievance procedures based on the alleged behaviors and the status of the parties with the goal of evaluating the allegations and assessing the credibility of the parties and witnesses.

To initiate a formal grievance procedure, a complaint must be initiated.

Typically, the Title IX Coordinator will determine whether to investigate or dismiss a complaint of sex discrimination within five business days of receiving it.

Notice of Allegation

Prior to the start of the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator will provide notice of the allegation(s) of Prohibited Conduct, including sufficient information known at the time. Sufficient information includes the identities of the parties involved, the conduct alleged to constitute sex discrimination, and the dates and locations of the alleged incident(s). The parties will receive notification of additional allegations or changes to the allegations as appropriate. The notice of allegation will also contain a statement that retaliation is prohibited and a statement that the parties are entitled to an equal opportunity to access the relevant evidence.

For complaints of sex-based harassment involving student complainants or student respondents, the notice of allegation will be in writing and will also include a presumption of not responsible, the right to an advisor of their choice, and WCU's prohibition on knowingly making false statements.

Throughout the grievance procedures, the Title IX Coordinator will provide to a party whose participation is invited or expected, notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of any meetings or proceedings.

Dismissal of Complaints

If at any time it is determined that the conduct, even if proven, would not constitute sex discrimination as defined in this policy, the complaint may be dismissed or referred to another office for review. A complaint may also be dismissed if WCU is unable to identify the respondent after taking reasonable steps to do so or if the respondent is not a student, employee, or otherwise participating in WCU's educational programs or activities. A complaint may also be dismissed if a complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw any or all allegations in a complaint.

The Title IX Coordinator will decide whether to dismiss a complaint based on the stated goals of this policy to address conduct that may constitute sex discrimination.

Upon dismissal, WCU will promptly notify the complainant of the basis of the dismissal. If the dismissal occurs after the respondent has received notice of the allegations, WCU will also notify the respondent of the dismissal. Any dismissal may be appealed by a party using the appeal process outlined in this policy.

When the dismissal is appealed, both parties will receive a reasonable and equal opportunity to make a statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome.

Even if a complaint is dismissed, the Title IX Coordinator may take other appropriate prompt and effective steps to ensure that sex discrimination does not continue or recur and will continue to offer supportive measures as appropriate.

Consolidation of Complaints

The Title IX Coordinator has the discretion to consolidate multiple complaints or reports into a single investigation if evidence relevant to one incident might be relevant to the others.

If a case involves alleged violations of other WCU policies, the Title IX Coordinator, in consultation with other school officials, will determine which grievance procedures to use.

Investigations

Assignment to an Investigator

The Title IX Coordinator will assign one or more investigators to the case. The Title IX Coordinator may also serve as an

investigator.

Investigation

WCU will provide for adequate, reliable, and impartial investigations of complaints. The burden is on WCU to conduct an investigation that gathers sufficient evidence to determine whether sex discrimination occurred. During the investigation, the parties will have an equal opportunity to present fact witnesses and other relevant and admissible inculpatory and exculpatory evidence.

Parties should present evidence during the investigation; information that is otherwise available but not provided in a timely manner, will not be considered by the investigator.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the parties, and their advisors, if applicable, will receive equal access to all relevant and permissible evidence and an opportunity to respond to the evidence per the applicable grievance procedures. The parties and advisors are prohibited from unauthorized disclosure of information and evidence obtained solely through the grievance procedures.

The investigator will seek to complete the investigation within forty-five (45) business days after receipt of the complaint.

Formal Grievance Procedures

Assignment to a Decisionmaker and Grievance Procedure

The Title IX Coordinator will assign one or more decision makers to the complaint. The Title IX Coordinator or investigator may serve as a decisionmaker when permitted under this policy. A party will be given an opportunity to request the removal and replacement of a decisionmaker based on bias or conflict of interest. Any request for a change in a decisionmaker must be accompanied by supporting information. The decision to grant such a request is at the sole discretion of the Title IX Coordinator or assigned staff member.

WCU utilizes two grievance procedures described below. The decisionmaker is responsible for following the assigned procedures and maintaining an orderly, fair, impartial, and respectful process. Any and all institutional meetings are closed to the public.

The grievance procedure that will be utilized will depend on the nature of the complaint and whether or not the complaint involves students as the complainant or respondent.

Track One – Grievance Procedures for Sex Discrimination

Track One is the grievance procedure for resolving complaints of sex discrimination other than sex-based harassment involving student complainants or student respondents. Track One is also be used to resolve all complaints of retaliation.

Following the investigation, the parties will be provided with an accurate description of the evidence. A party may also request access to the evidence which will be provided equitably to both parties in a manner determined by the Title IX Coordinator. Following the review, the parties will be given an equal opportunity to respond to the evidence or the description of the evidence. The decisionmaker will consider the evidence and any responses when making a determination.

The decisionmaker may pose additional questions to the parties or to witnesses in writing or individually in person if needed to adequately assess credibility to the extent credibility is both in dispute and relevant to evaluating one or more allegations of sex discrimination.

For complaints of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, the complainant and respondent both

have the right to an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.

A party may also request access to the relevant and permissible evidence which will be provided equitably to both parties in a manner determined by the Title IX Coordinator.

Determinations under Track One may not be appealed.

Track Two-Grievance Procedures for Sex-Based Harassment Involving a Student Complainant or Respondent

Track Two is the grievance procedure for resolving complaints of sex-based harassment involving a student complainant or a student respondent.

WCU will provide a process that enables the decisionmaker to question parties and witnesses to adequately assess a party's or witness's credibility to the extent credibility is a) both in dispute and b) relevant to evaluating one or more allegations of sex-based harassment.

Upon the completion of the investigation, the investigator will accurately summarize the evidence in an investigative report which will be shared with the parties. The parties may submit a written response to the investigative report no later than seven (7) business days after the receipt of the report. The parties may include in their response relevant questions to be asked of the other party or witnesses. (Those questions, along with any questions requested during the one-on-one meetings as described below, are limited to those assessing credibility and relevant questions and follow-up questions that have not previously been asked and answered in the final investigative report.) Questions are relevant when they seek evidence that may aid in showing whether the alleged sex discrimination occurred. The decisionmaker will determine whether the question is relevant and explain any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

A party may also request access to the relevant and permissible evidence which will be provided equitably to both parties in a manner determined by the Title IX Coordinator.

Questioning of the parties and witnesses for proposing and asking relevant and not otherwise impermissible questions and follow-up questions must take place consistent with the following provisions before determining whether sex-based harassment occurred. The decisionmaker for the complaint will:

- The decisionmaker will conduct individual meetings with a party or witness;
- The decisionmaker will allow each party to propose such questions that the party wants asked of any party or witness and have those questions asked by the decisionmaker during one or more individual meetings, including follow-up meetings, with a party or witness;
- The decisionmaker will provide each party with an audio or audiovisual recording or transcript with enough time for the party to have a reasonable opportunity to propose follow-up questions.

The complainant and respondent both have the right to an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.

The decisionmaker will notify the parties in writing of the date, time, and location of any meetings. Meetings may be held in person or virtually at the request of a party or the person conducting the questioning. The decisionmaker will meet with each party and witness separately.

Written Determination

In all grievance procedures, the complainant and respondent will simultaneously receive a written determination of whether Prohibited Conduct occurred. The determination will typically be provided within five (5) business days of the

date of the hearing or the last meeting.

The determination of responsibility becomes final either on notification of the appeal's results or the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely. For complaints of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, a written determination letter will also be provided whenever a result changes, including when a result becomes final.

Anticipated Timelines

The anticipated timeline for this process is between 60-90 days from initial notice of the formal grievance process through resolution. There is a low and high end time frame provided since the process does include timeframes for appeals of various decisions. There may be circumstances that require the extension of timeframes for good cause. WCU will notify the parties in writing of any extension of the timeframes and the reason for the extension. WCU will not, however, wait for the conclusion of any other internal or external resolution process, including criminal proceedings, to begin its own investigation.

Decision-Making Process

The decision maker will review all relevant and otherwise not impermissible evidence. The decision maker will consider both inculpatory as well as exculpatory information. The decision maker will ask questions intended to assess the credibility of parties and witnesses and to clarify any remaining questions regarding the complaint. The decision maker will listen to responses and follow up with any additional questions. After considering all information germane to the matter, the decision maker will apply the preponderance of the evidence standard to determine if it is more likely than not that Prohibited Conduct occurred in violation of the policy.

Standard of Evidence

The standard of evidence used is preponderance of the evidence, which means a belief greater than 50% that the misconduct occurred. If, upon weighing all evidence, the decision maker does determine it is more likely than not that the conduct occurred as reported in violation of the policy, then the decision maker will issue a finding of "in violation." If the decision maker does not determine with more than a 50% belief that misconduct occurred then they will issue a finding of "not in violation" of WCU policy.

Possible Sanctions

Sanctions and Remedies

Sanctions are consequences imposed on a respondent following a determination that Prohibited Conduct occurred. Sanctions are intended to provide educational opportunities and accountability while also reducing the likelihood of future Prohibited Conduct. Sanctions may include administrative, educational, and restorative components. Some conduct, however, is so egregious in nature or so damaging to the educational environment that it requires more serious sanctions, including suspension or dismissal.

Remedies are measures provided, as appropriate, to a complainant or any other person identified as having had their equal access to the education program or activity limited or denied by sex discrimination. These measures are provided to restore or preserve that person's access to the WCU education program or activity after a determination that sex discrimination occurred.

Such remedies may include supportive measures; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

If there is a finding of responsibility for a policy violation, the determination of sanctions and remedies will be made by the decisionmaker.

The following are sanctions and remedies that may be imposed, individually or in various combinations, on any student found in violation of the policy:

- Education/Training Requirement (as determined by the decision maker, and may result in a cost to the party sanctioned)
- Loss of Privileges
- Restitution
- Probation or Conditional Attendance (based on specific ongoing requirements being met as determined by the decision maker)
- Modification of program schedule (i.e. a change to a track or cohort)
- Loss or reassignment of clinical or externship assignment
- Restricted access to facilities or technology
- Suspension
- Expulsion

The following are sanctions and remedies which may be imposed, individually or in various combinations, on any employee found in violation of the policy:

- Education/Training Requirement
- Verbal warning and/or written disciplinary action
- Suspension from employment
- Failure to meet OKRs/performance metrics to be reflected in performance reviews
- Termination of employment

Range of Protective Measures Available to a Victim Alleging Misconduct

The range of protective measures that the University may offer to a victim of alleged misconduct include the following:

- No Contact Directives
- Restriction of the Respondent in accessing places
- Remote participation in meetings and proceedings
- Safety escorts
- Prohibitions on Retaliation
- Access to Safety Escorts

For allegations made prior to or including allegations occurring prior to August 1, 2024, the following procedure applies:

The Policy and Procedure is called: West Coast University Title IX Policy Governing Students and Associates (August 14, 2020) and is available upon request from the Title IX Coordinator.

How to File a Disciplinary Complaint Under this Policy

A person who wishes to pursue a formal or informal resolution process at the Institution must file a formal complaint.

A “formal complaint” is made when the Institution has received a complaint signed by the complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator on his/her behalf. Additionally, the Institution may sign a complaint on behalf of the complainant that does not wish to participate if the reported behavior has the potential to interfere with the educational mission of the Institution. At the time of filing a formal complaint, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the Institution.

To file a complaint of sexual misconduct, contact the Title IX Coordinator or the Campus Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator or other Title IX Personnel via mail, email, telephone, or in person.

At the time of the filing of the formal complaint, the complainant may request the complaint be considered under the formal or informal resolution process.

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Steps in the Disciplinary Process

Informal Resolution Process

At the time of the filing of a formal complaint or at any time prior to a determination of responsibility, either party may request to proceed under a voluntary informal resolution process that does not involve a full investigation. The Title IX Coordinator will determine, based on the totality of the circumstances, whether an informal resolution process is appropriate given the facts and participants. For example, an informal resolution process is never appropriate for resolving reports alleging sexual harassment of a student by an employee.

Upon request and written agreement by the parties and the Title IX Coordinator that the informal resolution process is appropriate, the Title IX Coordinator will provide to the parties a written notice disclosing the allegations, and the requirements of the informal resolution process, including when the parties are precluded from resuming a formal resolution process, any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution, and the records that will be maintained and shared. Informal resolutions are not subject to appeal by any party. The parties may withdraw from the informal resolution process at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution and resume the formal resolution process with respect to the complaint.

Formal Resolution Process

If the complaint could constitute a violation of this policy and the complainant has requested a formal resolution process, the complainant and respondent will receive written notice from the Title IX Coordinator of the allegations of sexual harassment, including sufficient details known at the time with sufficient time to prepare before any initial interview. The parties will receive written simultaneous notification of additional allegations as appropriate.

A fair and impartial investigation will be conducted by at least one trained investigator appointed by the Title IX Coordinator. WCU reserves the right to employ external investigators if it determines that the investigation would be best conducted in this way. The parties will be provided with the name(s) of the investigator(s) and allowed 5 days to request the removal and replacement of an investigator based on bias or conflict of interest. Any request for a change in an investigator must be accompanied by supporting information and the decision to assign a new investigator will be made by the Title IX Coordinator.

Throughout the grievance process, the Title IX Coordinator will provide to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of meetings, investigative interviews, and hearings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate as well as advise the party of the opportunity to present evidence and witness information, if applicable.

A complainant and respondent has the right to an advisor of choice to be present at any meeting or disciplinary proceeding in which either party is required to be present. WCU will not restrict who this advisor is but can and will restrict the role the advisor plays within the meeting or proceeding.

The investigation will typically include interviewing all involved parties (respondent, complainant, witnesses) and the collecting of any documentation or evidence relevant to the allegation. The Institution will not restrict either party from discussing allegations under investigation or from presenting relevant evidence or identifying relevant witnesses.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator and the Title IX Coordinator shall meet to determine if the preliminary investigation is complete. If the preliminary investigation is complete, the Title IX Coordinator will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, a preliminary investigative report containing any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the formal complaint.

The parties will be given 10 days to correct any information that is factually inaccurate or to present any new information to the investigator at this time. If new information is presented that prompts the need for further investigation, the investigator will complete the investigation based on the new information shared. At the conclusion of the supplemental investigation or if no further investigation needs to occur, the investigator will provide the final investigative report to the Title IX Coordinator who will distribute it to the respective parties and the party's advisor, if any, at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The Investigator will include in the final investigative report a summary of relevant evidence.

Upon completion of the final investigative report, the case will be assigned to a hearing. The Title IX Coordinator will appoint a trained decision-maker to adjudicate the matter who is not the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator for the complaint. The parties will be provided with the name of the decision-maker and will be allowed 5 days to request the removal and replacement of the decision-maker based on bias or conflict of interest. Any request for a change in a decision-maker must be accompanied by supporting information and the decision to assign a new decision-maker will be made by the Title IX Coordinator.

Anticipated Timelines

Typically, the investigation, resolution, and appeal will not exceed 60 days although WCU reserves the right to exceed this timeframe in order to conduct a thorough investigation. If the grievance process does or is anticipated to exceed

60 days, WCU will notify the complainant and respondent in writing and will advise them of the reason for the delay and the anticipated timeframe for the completion of the investigation.

Decision-Making Process

At the conclusion of the hearing, the decision-maker will make a determination of responsibility. If the decision-maker has determined that it is more likely than not that sexual misconduct occurred in violation of this policy, the decision-maker will decide on the appropriate sanctions and remedies. After making a finding, the decision-maker will issue the determination, to include the reason for the finding and the associated sanctions and remedies, if any, in writing and simultaneously to the complainant and respondent.

Standard of Evidence

The standard of proof used to determine whether or not a violation of this policy has occurred is the *preponderance of evidence*, which means it is more likely than not the misconduct occurred.

Possible Sanctions

Sanctions

The decision-maker is responsible for determining sanctions and remedies. The following sanctions and remedies may be imposed, individually or in any combination, when a respondent is found responsible for violating this policy:

- Education/Training Requirement
- Loss of Privileges
- Forfeiture of Financial Assistance
- Permanent Supportive Measures
- Restitution
- Termination from Employment
- Probation
- Suspension
- Expulsion

Student Services will impose the sanctions as identified by the Decision-Maker. The Title IX Coordinator will be responsible for implementing any remedies for the complainant.

Range of Protective Measures Available to a Victim Alleging Misconduct

The range of protective measures that the University may offer to a victim of alleged misconduct include the following:

- No Contact Directives
- Restriction of the Respondent in accessing places
- Remote participation in meetings and proceedings
- Safety escorts
- Prohibitions on Retaliation
- Access to Safety Escorts

University-Initiated Protective Measures

Title IX Coordinator or their designee will determine whether interim intervention and protective measures should be implemented, and, if so, take steps to implement those protective measures as soon as possible. Examples of interim protective measures include but are not limited to a University order of no contact, adjustment of course schedules, a leave of absence, or reassignment to a different supervisor or position. These remedies may be applied to one, both, or multiple parties involved.

Violations of the Title IX Coordinator's directives and/or protective measures will constitute related violations that may lead to additional disciplinary action. Protective measures imposed may be temporary pending the results of an investigation or may become permanent as determined by the decision makers.

The Institution does not issue orders of protection, but victims may be able to secure an order of protection through the courts in the jurisdiction where they live.

The Institution cannot apply for a legal order of protection or restraining order for a complainant or on their behalf--the victim is required to apply directly for these services in conjunction with the police of the county in which they are located. The Institution will assist students and associates in obtaining court orders of protection to the extent they can.

The Institution will comply with state laws in recognizing orders of protection regardless of whether a complainant elects to pursue a criminal complaint. Persons should provide a copy of the order of protection to Safety & Security and the Title IX Coordinator. A complainant may then meet with Safety & Security to develop a Safety Action Plan, which is a plan aimed to reduce risk of harm while on campus or coming and going from campus. This plan may include, but is not limited to: escorts, special parking arrangements, changing classroom location, etc.

CALIFORNIA

For helpful information see the website, www.courts.ca.gov. In California, an Emergency Protection Order may be available through a law enforcement officer at any time of day.

FLORIDA

For helpful information in Florida see the website www.flcourts.org. In Florida, the injunction process for protection order could be filed at one of the intake locations in the complainant's county. The Intake Unit staff will help to complete all the necessary paperwork, which is taken to a judge for review.

TEXAS

For helpful information in Texas, see the website www.dallascounty.org. In Texas, the protective order may be available through the district or county attorney, a private attorney, or through a legal aid service program. The application must be filed in the county in which the complainant lives.

Disciplinary Procedures Following a Complaint

Whether or not criminal charges are filed, the University or a person may file a complaint under the Title IX Policy alleging that a student or associate violated the University's policy. Reports of all domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking made to the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC), Clery Campus Security Authorities or Title IX Responsible Associates, will automatically be referred to the Title IX Coordinator for investigation regardless of whether the complainant chooses to pursue criminal charges.

The Title IX Coordinator responsibilities include overseeing all Title IX complaints and identifying and addressing any

patterns or systemic problems that arise during the review of such complaints.

Complainant's and Respondent's Rights and Options

The Title IX Coordinator will ensure that the complainant receives an explanation of rights and options written in plain language with concise information. The written notification of rights and options will include the following:

- The importance of obtaining and preserving forensic and other evidence;
- The right to report or not report the alleged incident to the Institution, law enforcement or both, including information about the survivor's right to privacy and which reporting methods are confidential;
- The right to request and receive assistance from campus authorities in notifying law enforcement;
- The right to request and receive assistance in obtaining and enforcing a campus-issued order of protection or no contact order;
- The right to speak to and receive assistance from on and off campus resources and other organizations that provide support and services to victims and survivors;
- The right to assistance from the Institution in accessing local health and mental health services, counseling, advocacy services, legal assistance, financial aid services and immigration/visa assistance;
- The right to supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, no matter where the incident is reported to have occurred and that the Institution will consider the complainant's wishes with respect to available supportive measures including without limitation changes to academic, living, dining, working, and transportation situations;
- The right to request a formal or informal resolution process if cause is found to proceed under this policy and a summary of the appropriate complaint resolution procedures; and
- Contact information for all of the people and organizations listed herein.

In the event that a formal complaint is filed, the complainant and the respondent will receive a written notification of rights and options regarding the adjudication process, to include the following:

- The right for complainants and respondents to be treated equitably by the Institution which includes providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following a grievance process that complies with this policy;
- The right to a fair, impartial, proceeding that begins promptly and is completed within reasonably prompt timeframes;
- The right to a resolution process that is consistent with the Institution's policies, transparent to the complainant and respondent, and in which the burden of proof and of gathering evidence rests with the Institution and not the parties;
- The right to an advisor of the party's choosing during the grievance process. If a party does not have an advisor at the time of the hearing, the Institution will provide without fee or charge, an advisor of the Institution's choice for purposes of conducting cross examination;
- The right to reasonable accommodations during any hearing, such as not being in the same room as the other party;
- The right to an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence—and that credibility determinations will not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness;
- The right to a determination regarding responsibility made at the conclusion of the resolution process and that the Institution makes no prior presumption of responsibility; and
- The right not to be retaliated against for filing a formal complaint and/or for participating in an informal or formal resolution process.

For further information on Sexual Misconduct contact:

Title IX Coordinator	
<p>Audrey Kaplan Vice President, Compliance and Risk Management (949) 743-5765 AKaplan@westcoastuniversity.edu</p>	<p>Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617</p>
Title IX Deputy Coordinators	
<p>Mandy DeJong Regulatory Compliance Associate (949) 783-4952 mDeJong@westcoastuniversity.edu *This Deputy Coordinator has responsibility for providing modifications/supports for pregnancy or related conditions for students.</p>	<p>Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617</p>
<p>Nina Khiev Regulatory Compliance Associate (949) 783-4826 nKhiev@westcoastuniversity.edu *This Deputy Coordinator has responsibility for providing guidance to students who have questions about Title IX regarding the actions of other students.</p>	<p>Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617</p>
<p>Leslie Zarrelli Executive Director, HR Business Partner (202) 794-7768 izarrelli@westcoastuniversity.edu *This Deputy Coordinator has responsibility for providing modifications/supports for pregnancy or related conditions for employees/faculty and for any Title IX complaints that include an employee as a party, but no student as a party.</p>	<p>Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617</p>
<p>To contact the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights:</p> <p>San Francisco Office U.S. Department of Education 50 United Nations Plaza San Francisco, CA 94102 Telephone: (415) 486-5555 Facsimile: (415) 486-5570 Email: OCR.SanFrancisco@ed.gov</p>	

Associates, applicants, interns, and volunteers are encouraged to report incidents of inappropriate or unwelcome conduct whenever it occurs. Associates, applicants, interns, and volunteers are not required to wait for the conduct to be repeated or to worsen. Any incident of alleged harassment by any employee or any other person should be reported promptly to the employee's supervisor or manager and/or to Human Resources, the Title IX Coordinator, or the Vice President of Human Resources, who will arrange for an investigation of the matter. Managers who receive complaints or who observe

harassing conduct are required to immediately inform Human Resources. An Associate may contact Human Resources directly and is not required to file a complaint first to his or her supervisor. All employees are required to provide reports and complaints that they receive pertaining to sex-based discrimination, including harassment, to the Title IX Coordinator.

Human Resources Contact information is as follows:

Human Resources	
Teri Parker Vice President, Human Resources 949-783-4845 tparker@westcoastuniversity.edu	Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617
Leslie Zarrelli Human Resource Business Partner 202-794-7768 Zarrelli@westcoastuniversity.edu	Administration Office 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617

Campus Sexual Misconduct Procedure

If a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is reported to the University, below are the procedures that the University will follow:

Incident Reported	Procedure Institution Will Follow
Sexual Assault	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on when reported (immediate vs. delayed report), institution will help provide the victim with access to medical care Institution will assess immediate safety needs of victim Institution will assist victim with contacting local police if victim requests AND provide the victim with contact information for local police department Institution will provide victim with referrals to off campus mental health providers Institution will assess need to implement interim or long-term protective measures, if appropriate Institution will provide the victim with a written explanation of the victim's rights and options Institution will provide a "No trespassing" directive to accused party if deemed appropriate Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order Institution will provide a copy of the policy applicable to Sexual Assault to the victim and inform the victim regarding inquiry, investigation, and resolution Institution will inform the victim of the outcome of the investigation, whether or not the accused will be administratively charged and what the outcome of the hearing is Institution will enforce the anti-retaliation policy and take immediate and separate action against parties that retaliate against a person for complaining of sex-based discrimination or for assisting in the investigation
Stalking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Institution will assess immediate safety needs of victim Institution will assist victim with contacting local police if victim requests AND provide the victim with contact information for local police department Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Institution will provide written information to victim on how to preserve evidence Institution will assess need to implement interim or long-term protective measures to protect the victim, if appropriate Institution will provide the victim with a written explanation of the victim's rights and options Institution will provide a "No Trespass" (PNG) directive to accused party if deemed appropriate
Dating Violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Institution will assess immediate safety needs of victim Institution will assist victim with contacting local police if victim requests AND provide the victim with contact information for local police department Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order Institution will provide written information to victim on how to preserve evidence Institution will assess need to implement interim or long-term protective measures to protect the victim, if appropriate Institution will provide the victim with a written explanation of the victim's rights and options Institution will provide a "No trespassing" directive to accused party if deemed appropriate
Domestic Violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Institution will assess immediate safety needs of victim Institution will assist victim with contacting local police if victim requests AND provide the victim with contact information for local police department Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order Institution will provide written information to victim on how to preserve evidence Institution will assess need to implement interim or long-term protective measures to protect the victim, if appropriate Institution will provide the victim with a written explanation of the victim's rights and options Institution will provide a "No trespassing" directive to accused party if deemed appropriate

Procedures the University Will Follow When a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking is Reported

The University has procedures in place that serve to be sensitive to victims who report sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including informing individuals about their right to file criminal charges as well as the availability of counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance and other services on or off campus as well as additional remedies to prevent contact between a complainant and a respondent party, such as housing, academic, transportation and working accommodations, if reasonably available. The University will make such accommodations, if the victim requests them and if they are reasonable available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to local law enforcement. Students and associates should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator or other Title IX Personnel.

ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS

Rights and Options

Regardless of whether a victim elects to pursue a criminal complaint, the University will assist victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and will provide each victim with a written explanation of his/her rights regardless of whether the offense occurred on or off campus.

Such written information will include:

- The procedures victims should follow if a crime of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking has occurred;
- Information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties;
- A statement that the institution will provide written notification to students and associates about victim services within the institution and in the community;
- A statement regarding the institution's provisions about options for, available assistance in, and how to request accommodations and protective measures; and
- An explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action

Additionally, personal identifiable information about the victim will be treated as confidential and only shared with individuals with a specific need to know who are investigating/adjudicating the complaint or delivering resources or support services to the victim. These individuals include the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, Title IX Investigators, and Security Officers of the Global Security Operations Center. Further, the institution will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures. The University does not publish the name of crime victims nor house identifiable information regarding victims in the Daily Crime Log or in the annual crime statistics that are disclosed in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. Furthermore, if a Timely Warning Notice is issued on the basis of a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, the name of the victim and other personally identifiable information about the victim will be withheld.

Regardless of whether a victim has opted-out of allowing the University to share "directory information," personally identifiable information about the victim and other necessary parties will be treated as confidential and only shared with persons who have a specific need-to-know, i.e., those who are investigating/adjudicating the report or those involved in providing support services to the victim, including accommodations and protective measures.

Rights of Complainants and the Institution's Responsibilities for Orders of Protection, "No Contact" Orders, Restraining Orders, or Similar Lawful Orders Issued by a Criminal, Civil, or Tribal Court or by the Institution

The University cannot apply for a legal order of protection, no contact order or restraining order for a complainant from the applicable jurisdiction(s).

West Coast University commits to the following procedures:

- WE WILL meet with you privately at a location where you are comfortable when feasible
- WE WILL only notify your parents, spouse, or significant other if you ask us to
- WE WILL treat you and your concerns with courtesy, sensitivity, dignity, understanding, and professionalism
- WE WILL openly listen with no prejudgment, and you will not be blamed for what occurred
- WE WILL absolutely consider your case regardless of your gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or the

gender or status of the suspect

- WE WILL assist you with arranging for any necessary hospital treatment or other medical needs. If needed, we also will assist you with the information to obtain emergency housing
- WE WILL assist you with information for advocacy support, privately contacting confidential counseling, and/or other available resources
- WE WILL assist you in contacting law enforcement and filing a police report
- WE WILL continue to be available to answer your questions and concerns

Safety Action Plans

West Coast University complies with California, Florida, and Texas law in recognizing orders of protection, “no contact” orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders.

Any person who obtains such an order should provide a copy to the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) and the Office of the Title IX Coordinator.

A victim may then coordinate with the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) to develop a Safety Action Plan, which is a plan for Campus Security Authorities and the victim to reduce risk of harm while on campus or coming and going from campus. This plan may include, but is not limited to: escorts, special parking arrangements, changing classroom location, etc. An Emergency Protection Order may be available through a law enforcement officer at any time of day. The University cannot apply for a legal order of protection, no contact order, or restraining order for a victim or on their behalf. The victim is required to apply directly for these services in conjunction with the police of the county.

To the extent of the victim’s cooperation and consent, university offices and Campus Security Authorities work cooperatively to ensure that the victim's health, physical safety, work, and academic status are protected, pending the outcome of a formal University investigation of the complaint.

The University may issue an institutional No Contact Order to the parties, when the parties are all affiliated with the University, if deemed appropriate or at the request of the complainant or respondent (the parties). If the University receives a report that such an institutional No Contact Order has been violated, the University may initiate disciplinary proceedings appropriate to the status of the respondent (student, associate, etc.) which may also result in sanctions if a party is found responsible for violating the No Contact Order.

Type of Order:	Who Can File For One:	Court:	Based On:
Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order CA: Long term restraining orders last up to 5 years. FL: Final injunctions expiration is dependent on the situation, may not have an expiration date and would remain in place until a request for change or cancellation is placed. TX: Permanent protective orders generally last a maximum of 2 years.	Family or household members including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouses, former spouses • Parent, child, foster parent • People who have kids together • Intimate partners who lived together in the last 5 years • Same sex couples are eligible 	Domestic Relations Court – where victim lives, where abuser lives or has a business, or where incident(s) occurred	Causing or trying to cause injury or placing someone in fear of imminent serious harm (Courts use different requirements for how recent the incident must be)
Stalking Protection Order CA: Long term restraining orders last up to 5 years. FL: Final injunctions expiration is dependent on the situation, may not have an expiration date and would remain in place until a request for change or cancellation is placed. TX: Permanent protective orders generally last a maximum of 2 years.	Any person who is a victim of stalking. No relationship with stalker is required.	Common Pleas Court - where victim lives (if family or household member, can be filed as DV Protection Order, see above)	Pattern of conduct (2 or more events), closely related in time, that cause distress or make a victim believe the stalker will cause harm
Juvenile Protection Order CA: Last about 3 years TX: Last about 2 years	Victim of abuse by a person who is under age 18, or the victim's parent or another household member, or other parties the Court approves.	Juvenile Court – where victim lives	Assault, stalking, sexual offenses, threats of harm or aggravated trespass

Type of Order	Rights of Victims	Institution's Responsibilities
Orders of protection	CALIFORNIA For helpful information see the website, www.courts.ca.gov —click the underlined information to access the specific webpage and get more info. In California, an Emergency Protection Order may be available through a law enforcement officer at any time of day. FLORIDA For helpful information in Florida see the website www.flcourts.org . In Florida, the injunction process for protection order could be filed at one of the intake locations in the complainant's county. The Intake Unit staff will help to complete all the necessary paperwork, which is taken to a judge to review. TEXAS For helpful information in Texas, see the website: www.dallascounty.org In Texas, the protective order may be available through the district or county attorney, a private attorney, or through a legal aid service program. The application must be filed in the county in which the complainant lives.	The Institution does not issue orders of protection, but victims may be able to secure an order of protection through the courts in the jurisdiction where they live. The Institution cannot apply for a legal order of protection or restraining order for a complainant or on their behalf – the victim is required to apply directly for these services in conjunction with the police of the country in which they are located. The Institution will assist students and associates in obtaining court orders of protection to the extent they can. The Institution will comply with state laws in recognizing orders of protection regardless of whether a complainant elects to pursue a criminal complaint. Persons should provide a copy of the order of protection to Safety & Security and the Title IX Coordinator. A complainant may then meet with Safety & Security to develop a Safety Action Plan, which is a plan aimed to reduce risk of harm while on campus or coming and going from campus. This may include, but is not limited to: escort, special parking arrangements, changing classroom location, etc.
No contact orders	CALIFORNIA For helpful information see the website, www.courts.ca.gov —click the underlined information to access the specific webpage and get more info. FLORIDA For helpful information in Florida see the website: www.flcourts.org TEXAS For helpful information in Texas, see the website: www.dallascounty.org	If the accused individual is a member of the WCU community, a no contact letter will be given to all parties involved by the Institution until the conclusion of the investigation. This will prohibit communication between the parties, including contact verbally, in writing, through technology, or third parties. If you have been the victim of domestic or dating violence, stalking or sexual abuse, you may also want to consider obtaining an order of protection from the State of California.
Restraining orders	CALIFORNIA For helpful information see the website, www.courts.ca.gov —click the underlined information	The Institution cannot apply for a legal order of protection or restraining order for a complainant or on their behalf- -the



	to access the specific webpage and get more info. FLORIDA For helpful information in Florida see the website www.flcourts.org TEXAS For helpful information in Texas, see the website www.dallascounty.org	victim is required to apply directly for these services in conjunction with the police of the county in which they are located. The Institution will assist students and associates in obtaining court orders of protection to the extent they can
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Accommodations and Protective Measures Available for Victims

Upon receipt of a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, West Coast University will provide a written Clery Notice to students and associates about accommodations available to them. The written notification will include information regarding the accommodation options, available assistance in requesting accommodations, and how to request accommodations and protective measures (i.e., the notification will include the name and contact information for the individual or office that should be contacted to request the accommodations.)

At the complainant’s request, and to the extent of the complainant’s cooperation and consent, the University will work cooperatively to assist the complainant in obtaining accommodations. The University is obligated to comply with a complainant’s reasonable request to make changes to academic, living, working or transportation situations regardless of whether the complainant chooses to report the crime to campus security or local law enforcement. Examples of options for a potential change to the academic situation may be to transfer to a different section of a class, withdraw and take a class at another time if there is no option for moving to a different section, etc. Possible changes to work situations may include changing working hours. Possible changes in transportation may include having the student or associate park in a different location, assisting the student or associate with a safety escort, etc.

To request accommodations or protective measures, a complainant should contact the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator.

Confidentiality

If the complainant reports to the Institution and requests confidentiality or asks that the complaint not be pursued, the Institution will take all reasonable steps to respond to the complaint consistent with the request for confidentiality or request not to pursue an investigation including providing supportive measures as available. If a complainant insists that his/her name or other identifiable information not be disclosed to the respondent, the Institution’s ability to respond may be limited. If the complainant continues to ask that his or her name not be revealed, the Institution will take all reasonable steps to respond to the complaint consistent with the party’s request as long as doing so does not prevent the Institution from responding effectively to the harassment and preventing harassment of other parties. At the same time, the Institution will evaluate the confidentiality request in the context of its responsibility to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all persons. It is a violation of the Institution policy to retaliate against an individual bringing a complaint or providing information for an investigation.

Education records are maintained in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). All documentation related to a student’s complaint, investigation, and resolution is protected by FERPA and not available to the public. Non-identifying information may be shared with Safety & Security in order to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. A complainant’s name will never be published nor does the Institution house identifiable information regarding victims in the daily crime log or online. Persons may request that directory information on file be removed from public sources by request. To request removal of directory information, students should contact the Registrar or the Title IX Coordinator.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Summary of Emergency Response Plans

West Coast University maintains a Crisis and Emergency Management Plan for all campuses that outline responsibilities of campus units during emergencies. These plans outline incident priorities, campus organization, and specific responsibilities of particular units or positions and are posted on the University Intranet and in the LiveSafe mobile application.

The Emergency response and evacuation procedures are reviewed and updated on an annual basis in conjunction with the annual drill evacuations. At least once a year, WCU will conduct announced or unannounced tests at each location. These tests include a test of the LiveSafe mass notification system. Each test is documented and includes a description of the exercise, the date, and time and whether it was announced or unannounced is documented and are kept on file with the GSOC.

Each test, a description of the exercise, the date, and time and whether it was announced or unannounced is documented. A copy of the report could be accessed through Global Security Operations Center (GSOC).

The campus publicizes a summary of the emergency response and evacuation procedures via email at least once each year in conjunction with a test (exercise and drill) that meets all the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

Summary of General Evacuation Procedures

WCU has no residence halls and therefore is not required to conduct annual fire drills.

WCU does, however, conduct annual building evacuation drills. The purpose of evacuation drills is to prepare building occupants for an organized evacuation in case of a fire or other emergency. Evacuation drills are used to educate and train occupants on fire safety issues specific to their building. During drills, occupants practice drill procedures and familiarize themselves with the location of exits and the sound of the fire alarm. In addition to educating the occupants of each building about evacuation procedures, the drills also provide the university an opportunity to test the operation of fire alarm system components.

At least once a year, WCU will conduct an announced or unannounced test designed to assess the emergency plans and capabilities of the campus, provide feedback to judge capabilities and limitations of the emergency plan and include at minimum drills, exercises, and follow through activities. The annual test is designed and implemented to meet Clery regulations and intended to keep the faculty, associates and students informed about threats to their safety and health in a manner that allows them to protect themselves. An after-action report is generated for each annual test and incorporated into the periodic risk assessment for each campus and can be requested via the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) at (855) 955-9911. This after-action report documents the date and time of each exercise, whether the exercise was announced or unannounced, a general description of the exercise, general observations and specific suggestions for improvement.

An overview of emergency action procedures is available at this location: [WCU Safety & Security Webpage](#)

At the sound of a fire alarm, or if you are instructed to evacuate, leave your work area immediately and proceed to the nearest exit, and leave the building. If you are the first to recognize a fire situation, activate the alarm, evacuate to a safe location using the nearest exit, dial 911 as necessary, and notify the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) at (855)955-9911. Additional tips are noted below:

- Remain calm, do not rush or panic.
- Gather personal belongings if safe to do so. It is especially important to take prescription medications when evacuating.
- Close doors and windows as you exit.
- Use the nearest safe stairway and proceed to the nearest exit.
- Proceed to the pre-designated emergency assembly area and report to the roll taker (if available).
- Await instructions from the ERT.
- Do not re-enter the building unless authorized by emergency responders.

Evacuating individuals with disabilities:

- Evacuate people with disabilities if possible.
- DO NOT use elevators unless authorized to do so by the fire department.
- If the situation is life-threatening, dial 911, followed by 855-955-9911 when safe to do so.
- Check on persons with disabilities during an evacuation. Verify that they have been notified of the emergency.
- Attempt a rescue ONLY if the person is in imminent danger and cannot wait for emergency responders.
- Always ask a person with a disability how you can help before giving assistance. Ask how he/she can best be assisted or moved and whether there are any special considerations you should be aware of.

For Blindness and Visual Impairment:

- Give verbal instructions to advise the safest route to evacuate. Use estimated distances, and directional terms to assist the person.
- DO NOT grasp a visually impaired person's arm. Ask if he/she desires assistance and offer to allow them to hold your arm while exiting.

For Deafness and Hearing Loss:

- Get the person's attention by touch and eye contact. Clearly state the emergency and necessary next actions. Gestures and pointing are helpful but be prepared to write instructions.
- Offer visual instructions for the safest route or direction by pointing toward exits or evacuation maps.

For Mobility Impairment:

- It may be necessary to help clear the exit route.
- If persons with mobility impairments cannot exit the building, they should move to safer locations such as stairwells or rooms with closing doors away from the hazard.
- Immediately notify emergency responders about mobility impaired persons remaining in the building.
- Utilize the emergency evacuation chair to transport the impaired to safety, if necessary.

Shelter in Place

Shelter-in-place is the term used to refer to situations where it is safest to remain indoors rather than face uncertainty outside the building. In many cases shelter-in-place procedures are the recommended action when weather, violence, hazardous material, biological, or related emergencies occur outside the building.

Depending on the emergency, appropriate areas of safe haven vary. For instance, an area safe during a weather emergency may not be safe during an act of violence. In general, when sheltering, occupants should seek safety by placing

protection between them and the danger. This could include walls, rooms without windows, locked doors, furniture, etc.

If you are instructed to shelter-in-place, remember to Shelter, Shut, Stay, and Seek.

- Take shelter immediately
- Shut all doors and windows
- Stay away from exterior windows
- Seek more information

Instructions to shelter-in-place will be issued through the mass notification system along with instructions on specific precautions to take during the emergency.

Responding to outdoor environmental hazards:

- Go or stay inside the building
- Do not use elevators
- If possible, go to a room or corridor where there are no windows. (In the event of a chemical release, go to an above-ground level of the building. Some chemicals are heavier than air and may seep into basements, even if the windows are closed.)
- Secure the space
- Close and lock all windows and doors
- If you can, turn off the heat, air conditioning, or ventilation system
- Try to locate supplies you may need such as food, water, a radio, etc.
- Do not call 911 unless you are reporting a life-threatening situation
- Seek updated information or further instructions

Emergency Notification

In the event of an emergency, WCU will initiate and provide, without delay, emergency notifications to the appropriate segment(s) of the WCU community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students, associates, and visitors. Emergency notification for incidents that may pose an immediate threat to health and safety will be made without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, WCU will determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities and considering the safety of the WCU community, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Individuals can report emergencies occurring at West Coast University by calling the Global Security Operations Center: 855-955-9911.

The WCU Safety & Security Department is responsible for responding to reported emergencies and confirming the existence of an emergency, sometimes in conjunction with WCU administrators, local first responders, and/or the National Weather Service, that may warrant the distribution of an immediate notification to the some or all members of the WCU community.

The following officials have been designated the authority to authorize emergency/immediate notifications to provide alert, warning and safety or protection instructions:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Presidents



- Safety & Security, Manager
- Vice President, Safety & Security

These positions will be collectively referred to as “Responsible Authorities” for emergency notification purposes. In reference to any of these positions, in the absence of the referenced individual, their designee will have the authority. These positions will typically be responsible for developing the content and distributing the notifications as described.

If the emergency is limited to a particular segment or segments of the campus, the Vice President, Safety & Security or the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) associates will typically determine the segment or segments of the community to receive the immediate notification.

Notification will be made through use of the Mass Notification System (MNS) that contains capabilities for telephone alerts, text message alerts and email notification. In addition, WCU may also use the following methods of communication: public address systems (where available), fire alarm system, social media, local media, webpage and/or in person communication. Students, faculty, and associates contact information will automatically be entered into LiveSafe. LiveSafe is also a downloadable application, which can be found in each phone’s application store. Students and associates have the option to create their own account with their WCU email address in order to access the additional features LiveSafe offers.

If any of these systems fail or the WCU deems it appropriate, in person communication may be used to communicate an emergency.

System to use	Primary Message Creator	Backup Message Creator	Authority for approving & sending messages	Primary Message Sender/ Distributor	Backup Message Sender/ Distributor
LiveSafe	Vice President, Safety & Security	Safety & Security Manager	Vice President, Safety & Security	Vice President, Safety & Security	Safety & Security Manager or Global Security Operations Center

Emergency Notification Activation Procedures

The Emergency Notification system will be initiated once the Vice President, Safety & Security, or designee, in conjunction with other University Administrators, local first responders, Public Health Officials and/or the National Weather Service, confirms that there is an emergency or dangerous situation that poses an imminent threat or danger to some or all members of the West Coast University community. The Vice President, Safety & Security will develop the content of the notification and can initiate Emergency Notifications for single or multiple campuses and the appropriate segment(s) of the community (i.e. faculty, associates or students).

West Coast University will, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of all Emergency Notifications messages based upon the nature, severity, and duration of each emergency and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the judgment of the first responders (including, but not limited to: the Vice President, Safety & Security or the Global Security Operations Center (GSOC), Local PD, and/or the Local Fire and Emergency Medical Services), compromise the efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Emergency Notification Message Content

West Coast University will determine the content of all Emergency Notifications messages based upon the nature, severity, and duration of each emergency. The Emergency Notifications system contains pre-approved and pre-written templates that are available for immediate use when activating the system.

Emergency Notification Testing Procedures

The Emergency Notification system is tested at a minimum annually and involves sending a text message to every subscriber and every registered device. The message is initiated using Emergency Notification procedures and the tests are documented.

At least once a year, WCU will conduct an announced or unannounced test designed to assess the emergency plans and capabilities of the campus, provide feedback to judge capabilities and limitations of the emergency plan and include at minimum drills, exercises, and follow through activities. The annual test is designed and implemented to meet Clery regulations and intended to keep the faculty, associates and students informed about threats to their safety and health in a manner that allows them to protect themselves.

Crisis Communication to the West Coast University Community

Notifications will be made by using some or all of the following methods depending on the type of emergency:

- Mass Notification System (MNS) that contains capabilities for telephone alerts, text message alerts and email notification
- Public address system (where available)
- Fire alarm system
- Local media
- Webpage
- In person communication
- Digital Signage
- Social Media & Apps

Depending on the circumstances of the incident, and in particular, situations that pose an immediate threat to the community, the Vice President, Safety & Security may choose to place information on the following website:

<https://westcoastuniversity.edu/legal/title-ix>

In such instances, a copy of the notice may also be posted at each entry door at affected campuses.

This emergency notification requirement does not replace the timely warning requirement. They differ in that the Timely Warning applies only to Clery reportable crimes, while the mass notification requirement addresses a much wider range of threats (i.e., gas leaks, tornadoes, contagious viruses, etc.).

If there is an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus, an institution must follow its emergency notification procedures. An institution that follows its emergency notification procedures is not required to issue a timely warning based on the same circumstances but must provide adequate follow up information to the community as needed. Follow-up information will be provided by using some or all of the methods listed in this section (except fire alarms).

The larger community, such as neighbors, parents, etc. can receive information about emergencies on campus via the website or local/national media.

CRIME DISCLOSURES AND STATISTICS

Crime Disclosures

This report contains the disclosure of crime occurrences within WCU Clery Geography for the three most recent calendar years. The most recent report, dated December 31, 2023, contains crime occurrences from 2021, 2021, and 2023 and includes the number of crime occurrences in the following categories:

- Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter
- Manslaughter by Negligence
- Rape
- Fondling
- Incest
- Statutory Rape
- Domestic Violence
- Dating Violence
- Stalking
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Hate crimes, including simple assault, larceny-theft, intimidation, destruction/damage vandalism of property
- Separately, by category of prejudice, each crime listed above and any crime involving bodily injury reported to the local police agencies or to a campus security authority that shows evidence of prejudice based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, or disability
- Arrests for violations of liquor and drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession; and
- Persons not arrested but referred for campus disciplinary action for liquor, drug, and weapons law violations

Crime Statistics

Although improvements to safety and security are evaluated, modified, and/or changed to adjust to changing criminal behavior, crime can periodically increase. Students, faculty, and associates are reminded that crime reduction is a shared responsibility. Crime Prevention measures taken by faculty, students and associates can significantly reduce criminal activity. Students, faculty, and associates are reminded to be alert, report suspicious persons and avoid behavior such as leaving property unattended or leaving valuables in plain sight in parked vehicles. Always feel comfortable knowing that the University will follow through on all reported incidents.

Procedures for Preparing the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The procedures for preparing the annual disclosure of crime statistics include reporting statistics to the WCU community obtained from the following sources:

- Global Security Operations Center (GSOC)
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Anaheim Police Department
- Ontario Police Department
- Richardson Police Department
- Doral Police Department
- Campus Security Authorities

For statistical purposes, crime statistics reported to any of these sources are recorded in the calendar year the crime was reported. A written request for statistical information is made on an annual basis to all Campus Security Authorities (as defined by federal law). The information is gathered from all of these sources by the Safety & Security, Program Manager.

All of the statistics are gathered, compiled, and reported to the University community in the Annual Security Report which is published by WCU. WCU submits the annual crime statistics published in the Annual Security Report to the Department of Education (ED). The statistical information gathered by the Department of Education is available to the public through the ED website.

VAWA CRIME DEFINITIONS

There are numerous terms used by West Coast University in this policy as defined by the Violence Against Women Act of 2022 (VAWA). These definitions may differ from those used by the States of California, Florida and Texas to define sexual assault for the criminal justice system. In some cases, the University's definitions include behaviors that, while not codified as criminal under the California, Florida or Texas statutes, still violate the standards of conduct to which all West Coast University faculty, associates and students are held. These terms are defined below.

In some cases, the University's definitions include behaviors that, while not codified as a criminal under the California, Florida, and Texas statutes, still violate the standards of conduct to which all WCU faculty, associates and students are held. Conduct may also be punishable under the criminal statutes and University policy. These processes are separate and distinct from one another, however, but can run concurrently.

The codification of Criminal Sexual Assault is located in CA. Code §261 through 269 and can be accessed on the Code of California website at:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=261.&lawCode=PEN

The Codification of Criminal Sexual Assault is located in FL. Code §794 and can be accessed on the Code of Florida website at: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2018/0794.011>

The Codification of Criminal Sexual Assault is located in TX. Code §21 and can be accessed on the Code of Texas website at: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.21.htm>

See Ca. Code §261.5 for the age of consent under California law:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN§ionNum=261.5

See FL. Code §800.04 and 794.05 for the age of consent under Florida Law:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0800-0899/0800/Sections/0800.04.html

See TX. Code §21.11 for the age of consent under Texas Law:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/PE/htm/PE.21.htm>

Sexual Assault

An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system. Per the National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual from the FBI UCR Program, a sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Clery Act Sex Offense Definitions that fall within the definition of "sexual assault" under the Clery Act.

Rape

The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This definition includes any gender of victim or perpetrator.

Fondling

The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Incest

Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

Statutory Rape

Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent. Statutory rape is prosecuted under each state's rape, carnal knowledge, and juvenile delinquency laws. Penalties depend on the ages of the defendant and victim, and the conduct that occurred, as described below.

NOTE: As of 2013 crime statistics, The Rape definition is based on the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook 2004 (Summary Reporting Statistics). The remaining Sex Offenses Definitions are from the National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program

Domestic Violence

The term "domestic violence" is defined as a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding and, in the case of victim services, includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim who is cohabitating or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, shares a child in common with the victim; or commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from whose acts under family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and §668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

Dating Violence

Dating violence is defined as violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition:

- A) Dating Violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
- B) Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
- i. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and §668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

Stalking

Defined as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress. For the purposes of this definition:

- Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about, a person, or interferes with a person's property
- Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling

- Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim
- For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

California State Law Definitions (California Penal Code):

Consent (Section 261.6)

Consent is defined to mean positive cooperation in act or attitude pursuant to an exercise of free will. The person must act freely and voluntarily and have knowledge of the nature of the act or transaction involved. A current or previous dating or marital relationship shall not be sufficient to constitute consent where consent is at issue.

There are four types of sexual assaults that are Clery reportable— rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape.

Rape (Section 2617)

- (a) Rape is an act of sexual intercourse accomplished with a person not the spouse of the perpetrator, under any of the following circumstances:
- (1) Where a person is incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act. Notwithstanding the existence of a conservatorship pursuant to the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris- Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving consent.
 - (2) Where it is accomplished against a person's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the person or another.
 - (3) Where a person prevented from resisting by any intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused.
 - (4) Where a person is at the time unconscious of the nature of the act, and this is known to the accused. As used in this paragraph, "unconscious of the nature of the act" means incapable of resisting because the victim meets any one of the following conditions:
 - i. Was unconscious or asleep
 - ii. Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant that the act occurred.
 - iii. Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraud in fact.
 - iv. Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraudulent representation that the sexual penetration served a professional purpose when it served no professional purpose.
 - (5) Where a person submits under the belief that the person committing the act is someone known to the victim other than the accused, and this belief is induced by any artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the accused, with intent to induce the belief.
 - (6) Where the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator will execute the threat. As used in this paragraph, "threatening to retaliate" means a threat to kidnap or falsely imprison, or to inflict extreme pain, serious bodily injury, or death
 - (7) Where the act
 - a) is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to use the authority of a public official

to incarcerate, arrest, or deport the victim or another, and the victim has a reasonable belief that the perpetrator is a public official. As used in this paragraph, "public official" means a person employed by a governmental agency who has the authority, as part of that position, to incarcerate, arrest, or deport another. The perpetrator does not actually have to be a public official.

- b) used in this section, "duress" means direct or implied threat of force, violence, danger, or retribution sufficient to coerce a reasonable person of ordinary susceptibilities to perform an act which otherwise would not have been performed or acquiesce in an act to which one otherwise would not have submitted. The total circumstances, including the age of the victim, and his or her relationship to the defendant, or factors to consider in appraising the existence of duress.
- c) As used in this section, "menace" means any threat, declaration, or act which shows an intention to inflict an injury upon another.

Statutory Rape (Section 261.5)

Unlawful sexual intercourse is an act of sexual intercourse accomplished with a person who is not the spouse of the perpetrator if the person is a minor. For the purpose of this section, a "minor" is a person under the age of 18 years and an "adult" is a person who is at least 18 years of age.

Incest: (Section 285)

Persons being within the degrees of consanguinity within which marriages are declared by law to be incestuous and void, who intermarry with each other, or who being 14 years of age or older, commit fornication or adultery with each other, are punishable by imprisonment in the state prison.

Fondling:

The touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Domestic Violence (Section 243(e))

Domestic violence means abuse committed against an adult or a minor who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or person with whom the suspect has had a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, "cohabitant" means two unrelated adult persons living together for a substantial period of time, resulting in some permanency of relationship. Factors that may determine whether persons are cohabiting include, but are not limited to:

- sexual relations between the parties while sharing the same living quarters,
- sharing of income or expenses,
- joint use or ownership of property
- whether the parties hold themselves out as husband and wife
- the continuity of the relationship, and
- the length of the relationship.

Dating Violence: California covers dating violence under domestic violence statutes.

Stalking (section 646.910)

Any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or harasses another person and who makes a credible threat

with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety, of his or her immediate family.

Florida State Law Definitions:

Consent: Florida Code §794.011:

Consent is defined intelligent, knowing, and voluntary consent and does not include coerced submission. "Consent" shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the alleged victim to offer physical resistance to the offender

Sexual Assault: Florida Code §794.011. Sexual Battery.

"Sexual battery" means oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object; however, sexual battery does not include an act done for a bona fide medical purpose.

Incest: Florida Code §826.04. Adultery and fornication by persons forbidden to marry, incest.

Whoever knowingly marries or has sexual intercourse with a person to whom he or she is related by lineal consanguinity, or a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece, commits incest, which constitutes a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. "Sexual intercourse" is the penetration of the female sex organ by the male sex organ, however slight; emission of semen is not required.

Statutory Rape: Florida Code § 800.04 and 794.05 Carnal knowledge of a minor under 16 years of age.

A child under 16 years of age cannot consent to sexual activity, regardless of the age of the defendant. A child who is at least 16 years of age and less than 18 years of age cannot consent to sexual activity if the defendant is 24 years of age or older.

Domestic Violence: Florida Code § 741.28. Assault and battery against a family or household member.

(2) "Domestic violence" means any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member.

(3) "Family or household member" means spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit.

Dating Violence: Florida § 784.046. Dating Violence.

Dating violence means violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the consideration of the following factors:

1. A dating relationship must have existed within the past 6 months;
2. The nature of the relationship must have been characterized by the expectation of affection or sexual involvement between the parties; and
3. The frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship must have included that the persons have been involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship.

Stalking: Florida Code § 784.048. Stalking

A person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person commits the offense of stalking.

Texas State Law Definitions:

Consent: Consent means assent in fact, whether express or apparent. Consent is not effective if:

- induced by force, threat, or fraud;
- given by a person the actor knows is not legally authorized
- given by a person who by reason of youth, mental disease or defect, or intoxication is known by the actor to be unable to make reasonable decisions; or
- given solely to detect the commission of an offense.

Sexual Assault: Texas Code §22.011. Sexual Assault

a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) intentionally or knowingly:

- (A) causes the penetration of the anus or sexual organ of another person by any means, without that person's consent;
- (B) causes the penetration of the mouth of another person by the sexual organ of the actor, without that person's consent; or
- (C) causes the sexual organ of another person, without that person's consent, to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor; or

(2) intentionally or knowingly:

- (A) causes the penetration of the anus or sexual organ of a child by any means;
- (B) causes the penetration of the mouth of a child by the sexual organ of the actor;
- (C) causes the sexual organ of a child to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor;
- (D) causes the anus of a child to contact the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor; or
- (E) causes the mouth of a child to contact the anus or sexual organ of another person, including the actor

(F) (b) A sexual assault under Subsection (a)(1) is without the consent of the other person if:

- b) the actor compels the other person to submit or participate by the use of physical force or violence;
- c) the actor compels the other person to submit or participate by threatening to use force or violence against the other person, and the other person believes that the actor has the present ability to execute the threat;
- d) the other person has not consented and the actor knows the other person is unconscious or physically unable to resist;
- e) the actor knows that as a result of mental disease or defect the other person is at the time of the sexual assault incapable either of appraising the nature of the act or of resisting it;
- f) the other person has not consented and the actor knows the other person is unaware that the sexual assault is occurring;
- g) the actor has intentionally impaired the other person's power to appraise or control the other person's conduct by administering any substance without the other person's knowledge;
- h) the actor compels the other person to submit or participate by threatening to use force or violence against any person, and the other person believes that the actor has the ability to execute the threat;
- i) the actor is a public servant who coerces the other person to submit or participate;
- j) the actor is a mental health services provider or a health care services provider who causes the other person, who is a patient or former patient of the actor, to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's emotional dependency on the actor;
- k) the actor is a clergyman who causes the other person to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's emotional dependency on the clergyman in the clergyman's professional character as spiritual adviser; or

- l) the actor is an associate of a facility where the other person is a resident, unless the associate and resident are formally or informally married to each other under Chapter 2, Family Code.

Incest: Texas has no criminal statute against incest.

Texas Code §25.02. Prohibited Sexual Misconduct

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse with another person the actor knows to be, without regard to legitimacy:
 - 1) the actor's ancestor or descendant by blood or adoption;
 - 2) the actor's current or former stepchild or stepparent;
 - 3) the actor's parent's brother or sister of the whole or half-blood;
 - 4) the actor's brother or sister of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
 - 5) the children of the actor's brother or sister of the whole or half blood or by adoption; or
 - 6) the son or daughter of the actor's aunt or uncle of the whole or half blood or by adoption.
- (b) For purposes of this section:
 - (1) "Deviate sexual intercourse" means any contact between the genitals of one person and the mouth or anus of another person with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.
 - (2) "Sexual intercourse" means any penetration of the female sex organ by the male sex organ.
- (c) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree, unless the offense is committed under Subsection (a) (1), in which event the offense is a felony of the second degree.

Statutory Rape: Texas Code §21.11. Indecency with a child.

- (a) A person commits an offense if, with a child younger than 17 years of age, whether the child is of the same or opposite sex, the person:
 - (1) engages in sexual contact with the child or causes the child to engage in sexual contact; or
 - (2) with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person:
 - (A) exposes the person's anus or any part of the person's genitals, knowing the child is present; or
 - (B) causes the child to expose the child's anus or any part of the child's genitals.
- (b) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the actor: (n) (1) was not more than three years older than the victim and of the opposite sex;
- (c) did not use duress, force, or a threat against the victim at the time of the offense; and
- (d) at the time of the offense:
- (e) was not required under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, to register for life as a sex offender; or
- (f) was not a person who under Chapter 62 had a reportable conviction or adjudication for an offense under this section.
- (g) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the actor was the spouse of the child at the time of the offense.
- (h) In this section, "sexual contact" means the following acts, if committed with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person:
- (i) any touching by a person, including touching through clothing, of the anus, breast, or any part of the genitals of a child; or
- (j) any touching of any part of the body of a child, including touching through clothing, with the anus, breast, or any part of the genitals of a person.

Domestic Violence: Texas Code §22.01. Assault and battery against a family or household member

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person:
- (b) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another, including the person's spouse; (2)

intentionally or knowingly threatens another with imminent bodily injury, including the person's

- (c) spouse; or
- (d) intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative.

Dating Violence: Texas § 71.0021. Dating Violence.

"Dating violence" means an act, other than a defensive measure to protect oneself, by an actor that: (1) is committed against a victim:

- (A) with whom the actor has or has had a dating relationship; or
- (B) because of the victim's marriage to or dating relationship with an individual with whom the actor is or has been in a dating relationship or marriage; and
 - (a) is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the victim in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault.
 - (b) For purposes of this title, "dating relationship" means a relationship between individuals who have or have had a continuing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of:
 - a. the length of the relationship;
 - b. the nature of the relationship; and
 - c. the frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Stalking: Texas Code § 42.072. Stalking

A person commits an offense if the person, on more than one occasion and pursuant to the same scheme or course of conduct that is directed specifically at another person, knowingly engages in conduct that:

- (a) constitutes an offense under Section 42.07, or that the actor knows or reasonably should know the other person will regard as threatening:
 - (A) bodily injury or death for the other person;
 - (B) bodily injury or death for a member of the other person's family or household or for an individual with whom the other person has a dating relationship; or
 - (C) that an offense will be committed against the other person's property;
 - 1. causes the other person, a member of the other person's family or household, or an individual with whom the other person has a dating relationship to be placed in fear of bodily injury or
 - 2. death or in fear that an offense will be committed against the other person's property, or to feel harassed, annoyed, alarmed, abused, tormented, embarrassed, or offended; and
- (D) would cause a reasonable person to:
 - 1. fear bodily injury or death for himself or herself;
 - 2. fear bodily injury or death for a member of the person's family or household or for an individual with whom the person has a dating relationship;
 - 3. fear that an offense will be committed against the person's property; or
 - 4. feel harassed, annoyed, alarmed, abused, tormented, embarrassed, or offended.

Other definitions:

WCU Definition of Consent

In the State of California, in order for individuals to engage in sexual activity of any type with each other, there must be affirmative consent prior to and during sexual activity (and while this standard is specific to California, it will be the standard applied to all states in which WCU has campuses to allow for one standard for all complaints across campuses to include campuses in Florida and Texas). Affirmative consent is defined as affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. To obtain consent, a clear, "yes" is necessary. Consent cannot be inferred from the absence of a "no." Non-verbal consent is not as clear as talking about what an individual wants or does not want sexually. Consent can be revoked at any time and the existence of a dating or marital relationship between the parties in no way infers consent.

Consent cannot be inferred through silence or lack of resistance. Consent to one activity does not constitute consent to other sexual acts. Past sexual activity does not constitute consent for future acts. If at any time consent is uncertain, the initiating party should stop and obtain verbal consent. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. The use of any force, display of force, coercion, or intimidation negates consent. Consent is also not present if someone is incapacitated by alcohol, illegal drugs, or over the counter medication.

Individuals who are incapacitated may not legally give consent to sexual activity. Incapacitation includes, but is not limited to, being highly intoxicated, passed out, or asleep. A person who is incapacitated for purposes of this policy is one who is not legally able to give consent because they are mentally or physically helpless. "Mentally helpless" is when a person suffers from a mental illness or a condition (like being passed out, asleep, or highly impaired) that renders them incapable of understanding the nature of their conduct or rendering their own self-care. "Physically helpless" means a person has restriction of movement, either temporarily or permanently.

When incapacitation occurs due to alcohol or drug use, indicators of incapacitation may include the following:

- Slurred speech
- Bloodshot or unfocused eyes
- Unsteady gait; needing assistance to walk/stand
- Vomiting
- Outrageous or unusual behavior
- Concern expressed by others about the individual Expressed memory loss or disorientation

The above is the California definition and is used in all investigations of sexual misconduct regardless of the geographic location.

Impairment: The state of being diminished or weakened due to the consumption of a substance

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99 Force Using physical, threat, intimidation, or coercion actions

Force: Using physical, threat, intimidation, or coercion actions

Physical: Hitting, pushing, holding, pinching, leaning on, obstructing exit, carrying away. Also includes use or display of any weapon.

Coercion: Undue amount of pressure

Threat: An overt threat

Intimidation: An implied threat

Incapacitation: The physical and/or mental inability to make informed, rational judgments. States of incapacitation include, without limitation, sleep, blackouts, and flashbacks. Where alcohol is involved, one does not have to be intoxicated or drunk to be considered incapacitated. Rather, incapacitation is determined by how the alcohol consumed impacts a person's decision-making capacity, awareness of consequences, and ability to make informed judgments.

Sexual Harassment: Any conduct, including physical contact, advances, and comments in person and/or via phone, text message, email, or other electronic medium, that is (1) unwelcome; (2) based on sex or gender stereotypes; and (3) is so severe or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with a person's academic performance or equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from University programs or activities. Sexual Harassment may include, depending upon the facts, persistent and unwelcome efforts to develop a romantic or sexual relationship; persistent and unwelcome commentary about an individual's body or sexual activities; threatening to engage in the commission of a sexual act with another person; stalking or cyberstalking; and engaging in indecent exposure. Title IX and this Policy prohibit gender-based harassment, which may include acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex stereotyping, even if those acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Fondling: The touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Sexual Contact: The deliberate touching of a person's intimate parts (including genitalia, groin, breast or buttocks, or clothing covering any of those areas), or using force to cause a person to touch his or her own or another person's intimate parts.

Sexual Intercourse: Penetration (anal, oral, or vaginal) by a penis, tongue, finger, or an inanimate object

Family or household member:

Defined as:

- The person's spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person
- The person's former spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person
- The person's parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents, and grandchildren, regardless of whether such persons reside in the same home with the person
- The person's mother-in-law, father-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law who reside in the same home with the person
- Any individual who has a child in common with the person, whether or not the person and that individual have been married or have resided together at any time
- Any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with the person, and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with the person

Preponderance of the evidence: The complaint at hand will be resolved by a determination of which party's version of events is more likely to be true. Preponderance of the evidence is understood to require more than 50 percent certainty to determine guilt (51% or greater).

Retaliation: Reprisal, interference, restraint, penalty, discrimination, intimidation, or harassment, determined in accordance with applicable legal standards

These definitions may differ from those used by the States of California, Florida, and Texas to define sexual assault for the criminal justice system. In some cases, the University's definitions include behaviors that, while not codified as a criminal under the California, Florida, and Texas statutes, still violate the standards of conduct to which all WCU faculty, associates and students are held. Conduct may also be both punishable under the criminal statutes and university policy. These processes are separate and distinct from one another, however, but can run concurrently.

The codification of Criminal Sexual Assault is located in CA. Code §261 through 269 and can be accessed on the Code of California website at:

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=261.&lawCode=PEN

The Codification of Criminal Sexual Assault is located in FL. Code §794 and can be accessed on the Code of Florida website at:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0700-0799/0794/Sections/0794.011.html

The Codification of Criminal Sexual Assault is located in TX. Code §21 and can be accessed on the Code of Texas website at:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.21.htm>

See Ca. Code §261.5 for the age of consent under California law:

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN§ionNum=261.5

See FL. Code §800.04 and 794.05 for the age of consent under Florida Law:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0800-0899/0800/Sections/0800.04.html

See TX. Code §21.11 for the age of consent under Texas Law:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/PE/htm/PE.21.htm>

CLERY DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are used when classifying offenses for Clery Act purposes.

Crimes

The following crime definitions are from the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook 2004 (Summary Reporting Statistics):

Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, incidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are excluded.

Manslaughter by Negligence

The killing of another person through gross negligence

Robbery

The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault

An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

Burglary

The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or a felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Motor Vehicle Theft

The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle (classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned - including joy riding).

Arson

The willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another kind.

Sexual Assault

An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system. A sex offense is any act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Clery Act Sex Offenses Definitions that fall within the definition of “sexual assault” under the Clery Act

Rape

Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This definition includes any gender of victim or perpetrator.

Fondling

The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Incest

Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape

Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

NOTE: As of 2013 crime statistics, The Rape definition is based on the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook 2004 (Summary Reporting Statistics). The remaining Sex Offenses Definitions are from the National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program

Arrests and Referrals for Discipline for Violations of Liquor, Drug, and Weapons Laws

Weapon Law Violations

The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Abuse Violations

Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, Methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (Barbiturates, Benzedrine).

Liquor Law Violations

The violation of laws or ordinance prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

Hate Crimes

West Coast University is also required to report statistics for hate (bias) related crimes by the type of bias as defined below for the following classifications: murder/non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, sex offenses (forcible and non-forcible), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson (see definitions above) and larceny, vandalism, intimidation, and simple assault (see definitions below).

Larceny

The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

Vandalism

To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure, or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law.

Intimidation

To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

Simple Assault

An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

CLERY CRIME STATISTICS

Orange County

CLERY CRIME STATISTICS WCU Orange County 1477 Manchester and 2411 W La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801				
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
FONDLING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
INCEST	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	1	0	0
STALKING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2023	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2023	1	0	0
	2022	3	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2023	2	0	0
	2022	10	0	0
	2021	0	0	1
ARSON	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	1
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	1
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	2	0	1
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

*West Coast University had no hate crimes reported in 2021, 2022, and 2023 on this campus.

** West Coast University does not maintain residential facilities.

*** West Coast University Orange County Campus had no unfounded crimes in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

*** The following 2023 crime statistics from local PD have been added on 10/08/2024:

- On Campus: 1 MVT, 1 Robbery, 2 Liquor Law Violation (Arrests), and 1 Drug Law Violation (Arrest)
- Public Property: 1 Liquor Law Violation (Arrest)

Center for Graduate Studies

CLERY CRIME STATISTICS				
WCU Center for Graduate Studies 590 N Vermont, Los Angeles CA 90004				
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
FONDLING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
INCEST	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STALKING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARSON	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
HATE CRIME: VANDALISM	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

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*** West Coast University does not maintain residential facilities.

**** West Coast University Center of Graduate Studies Campus had no unfounded crimes in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Los Angeles

CLERY CRIME STATISTICS WCU Los Angeles 12215 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood CA 91606				
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
FONDLING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
INCEST	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STALKING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2023	0	0	1
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARSON	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

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** West Coast University does not maintain residential facilities.

*** West Coast University Los Angeles Campus had no unfounded crimes in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Dallas

CLERY CRIME STATISTICS WCU Dallas 8435 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas TX 75247				
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
FONDLING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
INCEST	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STALKING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARSON	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

*West Coast University had no hate crimes reported in 2021 on this campus.

** West Coast University does not maintain residential facilities.

*** West Coast University Dallas Campus had no unfounded crimes in 2021.

****West Coast University Dallas Campus relocated on August 23, 2021 to 2323 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

*****2021 Crime Stats include: January 1, 2021 - August 22, 2021.

Texas

CLERY CRIME STATISTICS WCU Texas 2323 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080				
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
FONDLING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
INCEST	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STALKING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	1	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARSON	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

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** West Coast University does not maintain residential facilities.

*** West Coast University Texas Campus had no unfounded crimes in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

****West Coast University Dallas Campus relocated on August 23, 2021, to 2323 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

*****2021 Crime Stats include: August 23, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Miami

CLERY CRIME STATISTICS WCU Miami 9250 NW 36 th St, Doral FL 33178				
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
FONDLING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
INCEST	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STALKING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	1	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARSON	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

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CLERY CRIME STATISTICS WCU Ontario 2855 E Guasti Rd, Ontario CA 91761				
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
FONDLING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
INCEST	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
STALKING	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2023	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2023	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARSON	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2023	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0

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