NSU Title IX Compliance: Preparing Professional Students for Good Practice

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What is Title IX?

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A federal law that protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that received federal financial assistance.



Title IX at NSU

At NSU, we provide support for students affected by the spectrum of sexual misconduct, as well as formal responses for several of the following:

- Sexual Violence
- Sex-Based Harassment
- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence

- Stalking
- Retaliation
- Pregnancy Accommodations



What YOU can do about sexual misconduct!

READ THE POLICY • REPORT INCIDENTS
RESPOND WITH CARE • REDUCE RISK





Read the Policy

- Visit <u>nova.edu/title-ix</u>.
 - Read the NSU Sexual Misconduct Policy
 - Learn about campus support services and resources
 - Review the NSU Title IX Virtual Resource Center
 - Specific resources for <u>Health Professions students</u>
 - Get connected with local and national community resources
- Complete online sexual harassment prevention training
 - All students will receive an email invite early this Fall



Report Concerning Behavior

Directly to the Title IX Coordinator

- Preferred: Via secure online reporting form at nova.edu/title-ix.

-By phone: **954-262-7858**

-Via e-mail: laura.bennett@nova.edu

To University faculty or staff

 All university employees are required to report sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator



Laura Bennett,
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***Crimes and/or immediate threats should be reported to 9-1-1, local law enforcement, or NSU Public Safety (954-262-8999) ***



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TITLE IX: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Home Policy **Term Definitions Confidentiality and Privacy** Rights of all University **Community Members Rights and Options for Victims** of Sexual Misconduct Initial Responses to an Incident

NSU Home > Title IX >

Connect to Title IX Resources

UNDERGRADUATE -

nova.edu/title-ix



Nova Southeastern University is committed to maintaining classes, programs, and activities that are free from sexual discrimination and misconduct, in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. If you or someone you know

Respond with Care to Sexual Violence

- Listen without judgment
- Focus on immediate needs (safety, physical well-being, possible threats)
- Identify and offer resources:
 - Local rape crisis center or hotline
 - Henderson hotline
 - Medical care facilities
 - Local police (if crime occurred)

Visit www.nova.edu/title-ix if you aren't sure where to start



Respond with Care to Situations

Not all sexual misconduct is sexual assault.

- Delayed reports are common
- Take all reports seriously
 - Title IX website: <u>www.nova.edu/title-ix</u>
- Know your resources
 - Counseling, hotlines, or local services can be helpful days or months later



Strategies for Risk Reduction

Look for ways to promote an environment where all members of your academic and professional communities can participate free of discrimination or harm:

- Regularly inject inclusive language into your dialogue
- Engage in practices which elevate bodily autonomy and personal decision-making
- Confront inappropriate/offensive comments or jokes made by friends or peers
- Attend, support, or organize campus/community awareness events
- Advocate for clear and accessible sexual harassment policies and prevention practices



The Spectrum of Sex-Based Misconduct

RISKY PROBLEMATIC ILLEGAL » gendered language « » groping« » quid pro quo bargains « » homophobic remarks « As individuals, we should address **ALL** of these behaviors to prevent sexual violence from occurring in our community » sexually graphic » stalking « » sexist remarks « disclosures of a personal nature « » rape « » undesired flirtation «



So else can I do?

Know the Bystander Edge

=valuate the Situation

Determine a Plan of Action

Give Assistance

Exit Safely



Doing nothing is *never* the right answer.

Review Policy – Respond with Care – Report Incidents – Reduce Risk





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