

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: UNDERSTANDING TITLE IX

You have the right to access the benefits of your education without gender-based or sexual discrimination (sexual harassment, stalking, domestic/dating violence, and sexual violence/assault).

You have the right to choose whether or not to report or disclose sexual violence.

You have the right to report sexual violence that occurred on or off campus by a fellow student or campus employee.

You have the right to be notified of existing counseling or other student services for victims of sexual violence regardless of whether or not you file an informal or formal disciplinary complaint.

You have the right to request confidentiality from any individual you may disclose or report to. However, certain individuals are required to report identifying information, which must ultimately be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.

Confidential Resources

Professional, licensed counselors, pastoral counselors, ecclesiastical leaders, and licensed health care professionals who provide mental-health counseling to members of the Southern Virginia community are not required to report any information about an alleged incident to the Title IX coordinator without a student's permission.

In addition to your pastoral counselor or ecclesiastical leader, individuals on campus that can maintain your confidentiality are:

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One University Hill Drive
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Additional Confidential Resources:

Project Horizon

24 hour hotline – 540-463-2594
Toll Free 866-463-2594

Virginia State Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline (VSDS)

(800) 838-8238 (24-hour hotline)
<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/dv/>

National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDV)

(800) 799-7233 (SAFE)
www.thehotline.org

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)

(800) 656-4673
www.rainn.org

You have the right to ask for safety measures to be put in place by your institution. You and your institution can determine which steps to take to protect your emotional and physical well-being. Such measures may be imposed regardless of whether you file a formal disciplinary complaint. Potential safety measures include:

- Implementation of a “no-contact” order whereby neither the victim nor the accused may contact each other further
- Access to counseling services and assistance in setting up initial appointment, both on or off campus
- Rescheduling of exams and assignments (in conjunction with appropriate faculty)
- Providing alternative course completion options (with the agreement of the appropriate faculty)
- Change in class schedule, including the ability to take an “incomplete,” drop a course without penalty, or transfer sections (with the agreement of the appropriate faculty)
- Change in campus work schedule or job assignment
- Change in on-campus housing
- Arrange to dissolve an on-campus housing contract and pro-rating a refund in accordance with campus housing policies
- Assistance from University support staff in completing on-campus housing relocation
- Limit an individual or organization’s access to certain University facilities or activities pending resolution of the matter
- Voluntary leave of absence
- Providing an on-campus escort to ensure safe movement between classes and activities
- Providing medical services
- Providing academic support services, such as tutoring
- Interim suspension or University-imposed leave
- Any other remedy that can be tailored to the involved individuals to achieve the goals of the University’s Sexual Misconduct policy

You have the right to decide whether or not to file a formal complaint with your institution. If choose to pursue an informal resolution, you have the right to end an informal resolution at any time and begin the formal grievance process.

You have the right to decide whether or not to report to local law enforcement.

You have the right to file a complaint with law enforcement and the option to be assisted by the Title IX Coordinator in notifying the proper law enforcement authorities of the alleged sexual misconduct.

You have the right to report any retaliation that occurs after you report. This may include retaliation by the accused or his or her friends, club members, teammates, etc.

You have the right to an adequate, reliable, and impartial investigation of your complaint.

You have the right to view the Title IX Office’s Investigatory Report, which may include written findings of facts, transcripts, or audio recordings.

For more information, access the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy: <http://catalog.svu.edu/title-ix/>