

Clery Center's Clery Act Fundamentals: Title IX-related Content

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### **Clery Act Fundamentals**

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# ACCOMMODATIONS & MEASURES

#### THE CLERY ACT

- Accommodations
- Must be provided in writing
- Options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to:
  - Academic
  - Living
  - Transportation
  - Working
  - Protective Measures
- If requested by the victim
- If reasonably available
- Regardless of whether the victim chooses to report to campus police or local law enforcement

- Supportive Measures
- Non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge
- To the complainant or the respondent
- Before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed

### DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

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#### THE CLERY ACT

- Prompt, fair, and impartial
- Describe the standard of evidence
- Be conducted by officials who receive annual training
- Advisor of choice
- Simultaneous notification of results

- Prompt and equitable
- Regulations inform standard of evidence
- Annual training requirements
- Advisor of choice with role in cross-examination
- Simultaneous notification of results

## STANDARD OF EVIDENCE

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• Must describe the standard of evidence that will be used

- Must state whether institution uses preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing
- Must be same standard for formal complaints against students as for formal complaints against employees
- Must apply same standard of evidence to all formal complaints of sexual harassment

### SANCTIONS & REMEDIES

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- Must list all possible sanctions
- Must describe range of protective measures

- Must describe range of sanctions, but...
- Must describe range of remedies

#### **TRAINING** © Clery Center 2023. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

#### THE CLERY ACT

- Proceedings must be conducted by officials who receive annual training on:
  - Issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
  - How to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability

- Individuals involved in process must receive training on specific topics listed in regulations
- Must make training materials publicly available on the institution's website (or if no website, available upon request for inspection)

# ADVISOR OF CHOICE

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- Both parties must have same opportunities to be accompanied by an advisor of choice
- May not limit choice of advisor
- Allows institutions to establish restrictions on how the advisor may participate as long as applied equally to both parties

- Both parties notified that they may have an advisor of choice who may, but is not required to be, an attorney
- Responsible for conducting crossexamination (directly, orally, and in real time)
- Must be included in party's receipt of evidence and investigator's report
- May also serve as witness
- If no advisor, institution must provide one to conduct cross-examination (institution's choice, does not have to be an attorney, but...)

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- Simultaneous notification in writing of:
  - Result of any institutional disciplinary proceeding
  - Procedures for accused and victim to appeal the result, if such procedures are available
  - Any change to the result
  - When such results become final
- Must include rationale for the results and the sanctions

- Simultaneous written determination, including:
  - Allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment
  - Procedural steps taken
  - Findings of fact supporting determination
  - Conclusions regarding application of code of conduct to the facts
  - Statement of, and rationale for, the results as to each allegation

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