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What is Title IX?

Oklahoma State University, as a public educational institution, must abide by Title IX regulations because it receives federal funding through federal financial aid programs used by students. Specifically, Title IX states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

Both Title IX and university policy prohibit discrimination in services or benefits offered by the university on the basis of sex.

Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination and therefore prohibited under Title IX. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical

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IMPORTANT LINKS

INTERIM TITLE IX SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY (<https://hr.okstate.edu/site-files/equal-opportunity/interim-sexual-harassment-policy.pdf>)

REPORTING & INVESTIGATION PROCESS (<https://hr.okstate.edu/equal-opportunity/title-ix-process>)

conduct of a sexual nature and may include unwelcomed sexual advances, sexual assaults, or requests for sexual favors.

This and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when:

- Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic standing;
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions or academic decisions affecting such individual; or
- Such conduct is sufficiently serious that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or academic environment. Harassment does not include verbal expressions or written material that is relevant and appropriately related to course subject matter or curriculum, and this policy shall not abridge academic freedom or the university's educational mission.

The following are examples of types of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment:

- Inappropriate touching, patting, or pinching
- Physical assault or coerced sexual activity
- Demands or subtle pressure for sexual favors
- Obscene phone calls, texts, email, or gestures

Any person (student, faculty, staff, or guest) who believes discrimination has occurred on the basis of sex may discuss these

concerns and file informal or formal complaints of possible violations of Title IX with the Title IX Coordinator.

It is the policy of this university to provide equal employment and educational opportunity on the basis of merit without discrimination because of age, race, ethnicity, color, sex, religion, national origin, veterans' status, or disability.

Mandatory Title IX Training

All OSU employees must complete Title IX training on an annual basis. This training is based on the calendar year. We thank you for your commitment in assisting the university in maintaining adherence to these federal compliance mandates and keeping our campus safe.

Employees should **[log into the Learning Management System](https://talent.okstate.edu)** (talent.okstate.edu) to access Title VI, VII and IX training opportunities.

If you have questions regarding Title IX, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity at OSU at 405.744.1156 or **eeo@okstate.edu**(mailto:eeo@okstate.edu)

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Who is a Mandated Reporter?

Mandatory reporters, also referred to as “Responsible Employees” are employees with supervisory authority to include but are not limited to unit heads, academic administrators, faculty members engaged in supervising student workers, intercollegiate athletic administrators and coaching staff members. **Confidential reporters** are professional and non-professional counselors, victim advocates, health care providers and clergy who may maintain a victim’s confidentiality and are not considered mandatory reporters or Responsible Employees.

All OSU faculty and staff with the exception of confidential reporters are encouraged to promptly report incidents of sexual harassment, including sexual violence.

To make a report, contact the Title IX Coordinator at eeo@okstate.edu(mailto:eeo@okstate.edu)

or

[click here](https://hr.okstate.edu/equal-opportunity/reporting) (https://hr.okstate.edu/equal-opportunity/reporting)

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