

Clery Center's Clery Act Training Seminar: Title IX-related Content

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Timing/Structure of CSA Reporting

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- Build ongoing reporting into your culture
 - Communication & methods of reporting
- "Aggregate data" for Clery purposes
- Distinctions and intersections between Title IX and Clery Act reporting
 - State law considerations

CSA Training Best Practices

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- Important to have formal system for identifying and training who is required to report (CSAs)
 - Make sure that CSAs know who they are
- Provide job training/description
 - Include information on additional reporting responsibilities (Title IX, child abuse, etc.)
- Give CSAs crime definitions and geographic areas
- Provide reporting materials/forms
- Emphasize the importance of timely reports

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Intersections

Learning Objectives
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- Recognize the intersections between Title IX, the Clery Act, and the VAWA Amendments to Clery.
- Identify Clery Act requirements for response to and disciplinary procedures for incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking (DVSAS).
- Evaluate policy statements for response to DVSAS to identify required content areas under the Clery Act.



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Activity:

Clery/ Title IX Intersections

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- You may find it helpful to use your institution's website or Annual Security Report.
- Be prepared to share your answers with the other groups.
- As we continue through this section, you may wish to add more examples that come to mind.

Intersections of Laws

Clery Act

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VAWA

Title IX

Intersections Overview

- Addressed Behaviors and Crimes
- Reporting Requirements
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 Accommodations and Supportive Ivieasures
- Disciplinary/ Grievance Procedures
- Training for Employees
- Anti-retaliation Responsibilities

Addressed Behaviors and Crimes

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- - Sexual Assault
- Hate Crimes
- Arrests & Referrals
- Hazing
- VAWA Crimes
 - **Dating Violence**
 - **Domestic Violence**
 - **Stalking**

- Sex-based Harassment
 - Quid Pro Quo

of Sex

- Hostile Environment
- Sexual Assault, Dating **Violence, Domestic** Violence & Stalking

Title IX: Quid Pro Quo Harassment

An employee of the recipient conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the recipient on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct © Clery Center 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

Title IX: Hostile Environment Harassment

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Title IX: Crimes of DVSAS

- Sexual assault as defined in the Clery Act
 - o includes: rape, incest, statutory rape, and fondling
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- dating violence, domestic violence and stalking as defined in the Violence Against Women Act
 - same definitions as applied under the Clery Act

Clery Geography vs. Title IX Application

- 4 categories:
 - On-campus
 - On-campus student housing
 - Noncampus
 - Public property
- Expands to "on and off campus" for response to **DVSAS**

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 Geography, broken down into
 Educational programs and
 - activities
 - Substantial control of respondent and context
 - May be on or off campus
 - Includes properties owned or controlled by recognized student organizations
 - Must be in the United States

Identity of Involved Parties

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 Any individual within an
 Requires a relationship to the
- institution's Clery Act Geography
 - Regardless of their relationship to the institution

- - institution.
 - Both parties must be participating or attempting to participate in an educational program or activity
 - Ex: students, faculty, staff, other employees, or third-party contractors.

Reporting

- - Campus Law **Enforcement/ Security**
 - Local Law Enforcement
 - Campus Security Authority
- May come from:
 - Victim, Witness, Offender, or Third Party

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 Brought to the attention of:
 Requires Actual Knowledge

 - Individuals who create Actual Knowledge include:
 - The Title IX Coordinator
 - Officials with Authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the recipient.

Response to Reports of DVSAS

- The next slides will review Clery Act and Title IX requirements in response to reports of DVSAS.
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- The timeline below will show which part of the process we are considering as we walk through the response and disciplinary proceedings for a report of DVSAS.

Before a Report

A Report is Received

A Complaint is Made

Disciplinary Procedures

Resolution

- Before a Report: Title IX
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 - Publish prominently on the institution's website:
 - Non-discrimination policy based on sex
 - Training materials used in training all Title IX Coordinators, administrators, hearing officials and investigators.
 - Title IX Coordinator contact information; and distribute their info in handbooks and catalogs

Before a Report

A Report is Received: Title IX

When a report is received under Title IX, the institution must respond promptly and in a manner that is not Deliberately Indifferent.

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- Deliberately Indifferent is when an institution's "response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances."

A Report is Received

A Report is Received: Title IX

- Ensure complainant and respondent are treated equitably
- Contact the complainant to discuss:
 - the availability of supportive measures
 - the availability of measures regardless of a complaint
 - the complainant's wishes regarding implementing
 - the process for filing a formal complaint under Title IX
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- If no complaint filed, determine if fact pattern should lead
 Title IX Coordinator to sign a formal complaint.

A Report is Received

Accommodations vs. Supportive Measures

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- Must be provided in writing
- Options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to:
 - Academic, Living, Transportation, Working and Protective Measures

- Must be offered to complainant and to a respondent
- Before or after the filing of a formal complaint, or where no formal complaint has been filed
- Designed to restore or preserve equal access to educational program and activity.

A Report is Received

Accommodations vs. Supportive Measures

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- If requested by the victim and reasonably available
- Regardless of whether the victim chooses to report to campus police or local law enforcement

- Non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate.
 - Reasonably available.
 - Without Fee or Charge
- Doesn't require a formal complaint for complainant to receive support.

A Report is Received

Comparing In-Text Examples

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 Academic
 Counseling;

 - Living
 - Transportation
 - Working
 - Protective Measures

- Extension of deadlines or other course-related adjustments;
- Modifications of work or class schedules;
- Campus escort services;
- Restrictions on contact between the parties;
- Changes in work or housing locations;
- Leaves of absence;
- Increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus;
- Other similar measures.

A Report is Received

Moving from Report to Complaint

- A report is information being disclosed that an incident, crime or behavior occurred; whereas:
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- A formal complaint under *Title IX* is a "formal document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment...and requesting that the receipient investigate the allegation".

A Report is Received

A Complaint is Made: Title IX

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 Under Title IX, a formal complaint is a written and signed document by:
 - a complainant who is participating or attempting to participate in an educational program or activity; or
 - o the Title IX Coordinator, if the nature of the alleged behavior is severe enough to warrant investigation to prevent deliberate indifference in response.
- It may be filed in person, by mail, or electronically

A Complaint is Made

A Complaint is Made: Title IX

- TIXC must offer Supportive Measures to the Respondent.
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- Provide written notice to the both parties that includes:
 - 1. Grievance Procedures & Informal Resolution Processes
 - Notice of the alleged behavior constituting harassment, including date, time and location of alleged behaviors if known
 - 3. Identities of known parties
 - 4. Statement of presumed innocence of respondent
 - 5. Notice of an advisor of choice, who may be an attorney
 - 6. Notice of right to inspect and review evidence
 - 7. Notice that false statements or evidence is prohibited

A Complaint is Made

Assessing for Dismissal: Title IX

- did not occur in an educational program or activity
- did not occur against a person in the United States

Dismissing does not prohibit addressing the behavior under other codes of conduct.

Must be dismissed
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• is not sexual harassment at any point prior to the resolution if:

- the complainant notifies the TIXC they would like to withdraw
- the respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the institution
- gathering sufficient evidence to reach a determination becomes impossible

A Complaint is Made

Disciplinary Procedures: Title IX

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- Could be formal grievance procedures or informal resolutions
- May consolidate multiple complaints
- Must be prompt and equitable
 - Equal Opportunity to present witnesses
 - Equal Opportunity to inspect and provide evidence
 - Equal Opportunity to presence of an advisor of choice

Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary Procedures: Title IX

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 Requires minimum time for parties and advisor to review and respond to investigation report before the live hearing.
- Hearings must allow for live cross examination of parties and witnesses by the advisor
- Live hearings may use technology to allow individuals to appear virtually.

Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary Procedures: Title IX

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 Provide a simultaneous written notification of outcome including:
- - The allegations potentially constituting harassment
 - The procedural steps taken
 - Findings of fact supporting the determination
 - Conclusions regarding the application of the code of conduct
 - Statement and supporting rationale of results to each allegation
 - Appeal procedures

Disciplinary Procedures

Advisor of Choice

- Both Title IX and the Clery Act allow for an advisor of choice.
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 Clery Act: Cannot limit who is selected, but can limit
 - Clery Act: Cannot limit who is selected, but can limit how they are allowed to participate
 - Title IX: "may be, but is not required to be, an attorney"

Disciplinary Procedures

Standard of Evidence

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 Must describe the standard of
 Must state which standard is used:

evidence that will be used

- "preponderance of the evidence" or "clear and convincing"; and
- Must be same standard for all formal complaints of sexual harassment, regardless of respondent's role (i.e. faculty, staff, student, union employee, etc.)

Disciplinary Procedures

Sanctions & Remedies

The Clery Act

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

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

Resolution: Title IX

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 Must allow appeals for: procedural irregularities, new evidence, or
- Must allow appeals for: procedural irregularities, new evidence, or conflicts of interest/bias from TIXC, investigators, or decision-makers
- Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed
- Have a decision-maker who was not the hearing decision-maker, dismissal decision-maker, the investigator, or the Title IX Coordinator
- Give both parties the change to submit a written statement
- Provide written notice of the decision simultaneously to both parties

Resolution

Who Must Be Trained?

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The Clery Act

- Officials who conduct disciplinary proceedings to address crimes of:
 - Dating Violence
 - Domestic Violence
 - Sexual Assault
 - Stalking

Title IX

- 1. Title IX Coordinators
- 2. Investigators
- Decision-makers (hearings & appeals)
- 4. Any person who facilitates an informal resolution process

"Officials who conduct disciplinary proceedings" includes all individuals who also must be trained under Title IX requirements.

Annual Training Components

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The Clery Act & Title IX

- Relevant evidence and how it should be used during a proceeding
- Proper techniques for interviewing witnesses
- How to serve impartially
- Avoiding actual and perceived conflicts of interest

Just Title IX

- Definitions in policy and scope of programs
- Procedures for investigations, informal resolutions, and hearings
- Technology used in hearings
- Training materials may not rely on sex stereotypes
- Must publish all training materials for public online

Anti-Retaliation Responsibilities

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The Clery Act

- Institutions must protect individuals from being retaliated against:
 - for exercising one's rights,or
 - carrying out the responsibilities of any portion of the Clery Act
- Does not create a mechanism for how to address this retaliation

Title IX

- May not retaliate for anyone for participating or refusing to participate
 - Includes complainants, respondents, witnesses, advisors, etc.
- Retaliation complaints are filed under the same grievance procedures for sex discrimination.