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TITLE IX OFFICE

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International Students & Title IX



"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 education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

*U.S. Department of Education Office for
Civil Rights
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What does Title IX say about international students?

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits educational institutions from discrimination on the basis of sex. The IX protects students at recipient institutions in the United States regardless of national origin, immigration status, or citizenship status.

Title IX and International Students

- Under the law, students and staff who are victims and/or survivors of sexual and interpersonal violence or sex-based harassment receive the same rights under Title IX, regardless of immigration or visa status. This means students, regardless of immigration or visa status have the right to receive support and resources, file a complaint, and/or report to campus or local police.
- International and undocumented students, unlike their American counterparts, face additional immigration considerations when filing Title IX complaints.
- A complaint process must be provided by your school under Title IX.

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Know Your Rights

Harassment

Title IX prohibits any sex-based harassment regardless of immigration status, including undocumented and international status.

Intimidation & Retaliation

Threatening students with deportation or invoking a student's immigration status in an attempt to intimidate or deter the student from filing a Title IX complaint is a violation of Title IX's protections against retaliation.

Enrollment & Counseling

While it is understandable and common for students who have experienced trauma to reduce their normal course loads, International students with student visas are required to maintain a minimum course load per term. Therefore, it is critical for students to consult with appropriate university officials to understand the procedure(s) and consequences, if any, of withdrawal or reduction of the student's course load.

U Nonimmigrant Status & T Nonimmigrant Status

Foreign National complainants who are victims of certain crimes may be eligible for a U-Visa or a T-Visa. U-Visas are available for victims of specific types of gender violence crime. Eligible individuals must be a victim, indirect victim, or qualifying bystander who suffer from substantial physical or mental abuse. T-Visas allow victims of human trafficking to remain in the United States to assist in investigations or prosecutions of human trafficking violators. For more information regarding U-Visas and T-Visas, please consult an immigration attorney.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

While Title IX provides protections from sex-based discrimination, Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in an educational program or activity.

Sources:

U.S. Department of State

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>

Know Your IX

<https://www.knowyourix.org/>