



Sexual Assault Prevention

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Sensitive subject matter....

What is Title IX?

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

- U.S. Dept. of Education

Title IX Student Services

What we cover....

- Stalking
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Harassment
- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence

What we provide....

- Reporting Options
 - Accommodations
 - Support (for both parties)
 - Resources
 - Prevention Education
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- We also support pregnant and parenting students

Consent

- Clear, unambiguous voluntary agreement to participate in sexual activity
- Active expression, not passive
- Equal power between all involved parties
- Can't be present when is asleep, unconscious or incapacitated due to drugs, alcohol, or other conditions
- Must be present in long standing relationships



Consent

- Ability to give consent also contains the ability to say “no”
- Consent to some activities does not imply “yes” to others
- Consent can be taken away at any time



Do Your Research

- Research the University where you will be studying
 - What are their definitions?
 - What are their local laws?
 - Example: “Under Article 178 of the Penal Code a person shall be guilty of a sexual assault when that person offends against the sexual freedom of another person, using violence or intimidation.” (Spain) - <https://www.pineradelolmo.com/>

Prevention Measures

- Sexual assault is prevalent in all countries, some more than others
 - Please be realistic on the occurrence in your destination country
 - Occurs in every country, on every college campus
 - Typically someone the victim knows
- Be aware of how you can reduce your risks

Plan Ahead

- Identify resources before you leave
- Connect with the host university or study center abroad
- Know who to contact in case of an emergency

Learn About Social Norms

Example: Italy

- Many young people still live with their parents
- Traditional gender rules are still prevalent
 - (The man pays for the meal)
- People will be late, everyone is 10 minutes late in Italy
- People may be more affectionate than in the United States
- Italians dress well! You most likely won't see anyone dressed in a hoodie and sneakers for dinner at a restaurant
 - Bathing suits, cropped shirts and flip flops are for the beach!

Alcohol & Drugs

- Alcohol and other drugs are commonly used in sexual assaults
 - Majority of sexual assaults involve use of alcohol by one or both parties
 - Don't ever leave your drink unattended!
 - Keep in mind that alcohol and drugs can impair your judgement
 - Putting you at risk of sexually assaulting someone
 - Or becoming a victim of a sexual assault

Reduce Your Risk

- Not everyone has good intentions
- Familiarize yourself with phrases or gestures that could signal sexual availability
 - “Shift for my mate”
- Don’t be alone with strangers or others you just met
- If you know of someone who has traveled to your destination, ask them about their experiences

Policies & Study Abroad

Students participating in study abroad programs are still bound by all University of Maine policies including the Student Conduct Code

Rights of Students

- Receive support services such as counseling, No Contact Directive, etc.
- Have your report handled as confidentially as possible
- Be informed of relevant University policy(ies)
- Request accommodations in regards to academics, housing, etc.
- File a complaint with the University, and have assistance doing so (if both parties are students)
- Have your complaint investigated
- Request a University trained advisor for your hearing
- Be free from retaliation
- File a police report

University of Maine Campus Resources

- **CONFIDENTIAL -**

University of Maine Counseling Center

- (M-F 8:00 – 4:30) 207.581.1392

- Confidential Resource Advisor

- jennifer.l.England@maine.edu

- **PRIVATE -**

Office of International Programs

- (M-F 8:00 – 4:30) 207.581.3437

University of Maine Police Department

- 207.581.4040

- Can connect you with dean on call after hours

University of Maine Title IX Student Services

- (M-F 8:00 – 4:30) 207.581.1485

- Email heather.hogan@maine.edu

Off Campus Resources

- Rape Response Services
(24/7) 1.800.871.7741
- Partners for Peace
(24/7) 1.800.863.9909
- Penobscot Nation Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Advocacy Center
(24/7) 207.631.4886
- Contact Nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate – or call the Department of State
 - (for overseas) 202.501.4444
 - (in the U.S or Canada) 1.888.407.4747
- Reach out to your host institution: residential advisor, or faculty member



It's never your

FAULT

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Questions?