WHAT IS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?

Sexual misconduct is a broad term encompassing any behaviors or actions that are sexual in nature and that create a hostile environment, including but not limited to:

- Consensual acts
- Intimate partner violence
- Sexual harassment
- Sexual assault
- Non-consensual sex

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Resources Available

- Student Counseling Services
- Health and Wellness Center
- Office of Student Affairs
- Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Title IX Coordinator

If you or someone you know is affected by sexual misconduct, please reach out to the Title IX Coordinator or contact the Office of Student Affairs for assistance.

Discrimination and sexual misconduct are prohibited by law and are considered to be serious offenses. The University takes such complaints very seriously and will investigate them thoroughly. If an investigation determines that a violation has occurred, appropriate action will be taken.

All students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct to the University. This includes students who may be afraid to report the incident due to fear of retribution or stigmatization. The University is committed to protecting the confidentiality of all reports and to ensuring that all individuals involved in the process are treated with respect and dignity.

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