

### Information about Sexual Misconduct and Statement on Title IX

Recently I read an article published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* called “How Syllabi Can Help Combat Sexual Assault.” The article suggests that “By taking the simple measures of incorporating Title IX language into syllabi and giving our students the names and numbers of the primary campus resources, we as educators can do our part to provide support for victims [I would say “survivors”] and help end the epidemic of campus sexual violence.” According to the article, survivors are more likely to report with easy access to information – which means they can get the support they need – and “the perceived threat of formal sanctions” – which includes “depriving [potential perpetrators] of the culture of silence” – actually may deter sexual assault and sexual violence on campus.

On my course policies I talk about academic integrity and resources including support for students with disabilities and our campus writing center; I explain requirements within the College of LS&A; I also aim to create a culture that honors and in fact embraces difference even when challenges emerge. Going forward, I also will include a Title IX statement with the intention that, together, we can make a difference so that the national number of female students who are survivors of campus sexual violence will no longer hover at, according to this article, about 25%.

Since I read the article after I prepared and distributed our course materials, I am including that statement here. Please let me know if you have questions or comments. I welcome both. Thanks.

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As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. To that end, among other things, I have chosen to include information about sexual misconduct, sexual violence, and Title IX compliance on our course policies.

It is my goal that you feel able to share information about your experiences as a student. I will seek to keep information you share private to the greatest extent possible. There is some information that I may need to share with the University, especially regarding sexual misconduct or information about a crime that may have occurred on Michigan’s campus. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, confidential resources on campus include SAPAC and CAPS. The

University's Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) has a 24-hour crisis line, 734-936-3333; they are located in 2450 North Quad and their non-crisis phone number is 734-764-7771; online they are at < [sapac.umich.edu](http://sapac.umich.edu) >. The University of Michigan's Psychiatric Emergency Services can be reached 24 hours a day at 734-996-4747; Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) is located at 3100 Michigan Union and their number is 734-764-8312.

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race and national origin. Our Title IX Coordinator is Anthony Walesby and he can be reached at < [walesby@umich.edu](mailto:walesby@umich.edu) >; his office is the Office for Institutional Equity, 734-763-0235, < [hr.umich.edu/oie/office.html](http://hr.umich.edu/oie/office.html) >. The University's Police Department can be reached by calling 734-763-1131 or texting 377911. You can find the University's Student Sexual Misconduct Policy online at < [studentsexualmisconductpolicy.umich.edu/](http://studentsexualmisconductpolicy.umich.edu/) >.

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