

As a Catholic institution, founded by the Vincentians, Niagara University expects all its members to respect the rights, dignity, and personhood of others. Niagara University strives to create a safe educational and working environments for all members of the community, including students, faculty, administrators, staff, and guests. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking (collectively, “Sexual Misconduct”) are antithetical to this environment.

Niagara University is committed to providing options, support, and assistance to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking to ensure that they can continue to participate fully in the life of our university. All victims/survivors of these crimes and violations, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction, have the following rights, regardless of whether the crime or violation occurs on campus, off campus, or while studying abroad:

All students have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual violence assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the student conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressures from the institution;
4. Participate in a process that is timely, fair, and impartial, and provides a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from the institution courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
6. Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual or victim/survivor is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few institutional representatives as practicable and not to be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be free from retaliation by the University, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of Niagara University;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an advisor of choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process;
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative or conduct process of the University.

If you have witnessed or been the victim of a sexual assault on campus or in association with University program or activity, you may call the Title IX Coordinator for immediate assistance at 716.286.8425.

## Students' Bill of Rights



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If it is after business hours and you need immediate assistance, please call Campus Safety at 716.286.8111 and or contact a member of the residence life staff and say “I need to report Sexual Misconduct (sexual assault/domestic violence/dating violence/stalking).” This will put you in touch with a trained responder.