

Your Rights

1. You have the right to request confidentiality.

If you file a report and would like to request confidentiality, the University will give serious consideration to that request. Only in rare situations will the University move forward with a Title IX investigation against the wishes of the Complainant. The Title IX Coordinator will consider several factors in deciding whether confidentiality will be honored, including the age of the Complainant, the pattern and severity of the misconduct, and whether there is a risk of safety to the Complainant and/or the USJ community. If the Title IX Coordinator determines it must proceed with a formal investigation based on these factors, the University will explain its reasoning to the Complainant.

2. You have the right to be notified of existing campus and community based medical, counseling, mental health services, advocates, information and referrals whether or not the crime is formally reported to campus or civil authorities.

3. You have the right to choose to report an incident of sexual misconduct to USJ Public Safety or local police.

You also have the right to decline to inform USJ Public Safety or the Hartford Police of the sexual misconduct. The University will not contact law enforcement unless requested or unless there is a threat of immediate danger.

You have the right to informally or formally report your incident to Title IX Coordinator (or deputy) and or Public Safety. You may decide to move from an informal report to a formal investigation at any time. You have the right to proceed simultaneously with a criminal investigation and Title IX investigation.

4. You have the right to accommodations regardless of whether you report the incident to the police or USJ public safety.

The Complainant has the right to request that interim steps be taken to include but not limited to a change in living arrangements or other modifications to avoid forced contact with the alleged offender. A no contact letter is offered to students by USJ Public Safety whether or not they request the University to fully investigate the incident. Information is also given to the student about obtaining a restraining order from the court.

5. You have the right to a prompt and equitable internal disciplinary process.

If you file a complaint with the University, you have the right to a fair and unbiased investigation. If you file a report, the investigation proceedings will be conducted in a timely manner with a resolution within 30 working days of the report. You may also stop the investigation at any time. You have the right to be informed of the status of the proceedings and to be notified in writing of the outcome of the investigation. If you believe the resolution of the investigation to be unfair, you may appeal the decision within two weeks of the resolution by contacting the Title IX Coordinator. For the full appeals policy, go to the TITLE IX: Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, Relationships/Dating Violence, and Stalking Policy section of the Student Handbook.