

Hello UP Pilots studying abroad!

We hope this info sheet finds you enjoying the enriching experiences of a different language, culture, and/or geographic setting. This sheet is to ensure you have relevant information related to Title IX and realize that these policies and resources are applicable to you on and off-campus, including when you are studying abroad.

**What is Title IX?** Title IX refers to a federal civil rights law governing the response to sexual or gender-based harassment, misconduct or violence.

The UP Title IX office is available to help students who have had experiences related to sexual or gender-based harassment, misconduct or violence no matter when or where this may have occurred.

**What is the UP definition of consent?**

Consent means informed, freely, and voluntarily given mutual agreement understood by both parties & communicated by clearly understandable words or actions to participate in each form of sexual activity.

**What is prohibited conduct under Title IX?**

The UP Code of Student Conduct is applicable to UP students during studies aboard. The following areas of conduct are prohibited by the University:

- Sexual harassment, including, without limitation, cyber harassment;
- Sexual misconduct;
- Sexual assault;
- Dating, relationship, and domestic violence;
- Stalking, including, without limitation, cyberstalking;
- Negative conduct (such as intimidation, retaliation, threats, harassment, or bribes) that attempts to prevent the reporting of conduct prohibited under this policy or that attempts to prevent participation in an investigation, conduct process, or other University process related to this policy.

See [www.up.edu/titleix](http://www.up.edu/titleix) for more info including definitions & examples and the UP Student Handbook info at [www.up.edu/LifeOnTheBluff](http://www.up.edu/LifeOnTheBluff)

**Amnesty Clause**

In order to encourage students to obtain resources and report incidents, the University will not pursue the conduct process against a student who reports an incident of sexual or gender-based harassment, misconduct, and violence for lesser policy violations that occur in connection with the reported incident. Students who are interviewed as witnesses in such cases will not be subject to the student conduct process for lesser policy violations that occur in connection with the reported incident.

**The following are some common questions from study abroad students:**

**Question:** I was sexually harassed or assaulted in a non-UP space (foreign university, restaurant, bar, etc.). Can UP's Title IX Office help me?

**Answer:** Yes. Please contact us so that we can support you.

**Question:** I was sexually harassed or assaulted by someone not connected to UP (a stranger, someone I met during my study abroad, etc.). Can UP's Title IX Office help me?

**Answer:** Yes. Please contact us so that we can support you.

**Question:** I'd like to speak to a confidential resource before contacting the Title IX Office. What options are available to me?

**Answer:** Please go to [www.up.edu/titleix](http://www.up.edu/titleix) for the list of confidential resources who can support you. [www.up.edu/titleix/confidential-resources.html](http://www.up.edu/titleix/confidential-resources.html)

All UP students are held to the standards outlined in the Code of Conduct found here: [University of Portland Life on the Bluff](#). UP students are expected to follow this code of conduct, regardless of whether they are on or off campus, as long as they are a student of UP.

**How can you contact the Title IX Office?**

Use any of the following:

[Title IX: We Care | University of Portland](#)

<mailto:titleix@up.edu> (Permanent email for UP Title IX Coordinator)

800.745.3261 (toll free)

503.943.8982

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**Who works in the Title IX Office?**

**Meg Farra**, Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students

**Sandy Chung**, Vice President for Human Resources & Title IX Coordinator for Compliance

**Sarah Meiser**, Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Compliance

**Megan Cohara**, Wellness Education & Prevention Program Coordinator in the Health & Counseling Center (Orrico Hall) Confidential Resource (to contact Megan Cohara email: [coharam@up.edu](mailto:coharam@up.edu))

**Matt Rygg**, Associate Vice President for Student Development & Title IX Coordinator for Education

### **Confidential Resources (UP Affiliated)\***

- All Health & Counseling Center Staff  
943.7134 ▪ [hcc@up.edu](mailto:hcc@up.edu)  
[Counseling and medical support]
- Campus Ministers  
943.7131 ▪ [ministry@up.edu](mailto:ministry@up.edu)
- UP Holy Cross Priests (C.S.C) and Brothers  
Except high level administrators  
See [www.up.edu/directory](http://www.up.edu/directory) for names
- Designated Program Counselors in each school; see [www.up.edu/titleix](http://www.up.edu/titleix) for names

\* In most situations, Confidential Resources will not share information received with anyone else and will not report to the Title IX Office. The few situations that might limit confidentiality are explained at [up.edu/titleix](http://up.edu/titleix) (FAQs). Confidential resources are identified in the UP online employee directory.

### **Responsible Employees/Resources (UP Affiliated)\*\***

All UP employees (administrators, faculty, staff) are Responsible Employees, unless specifically designated as a Confidential Resource.

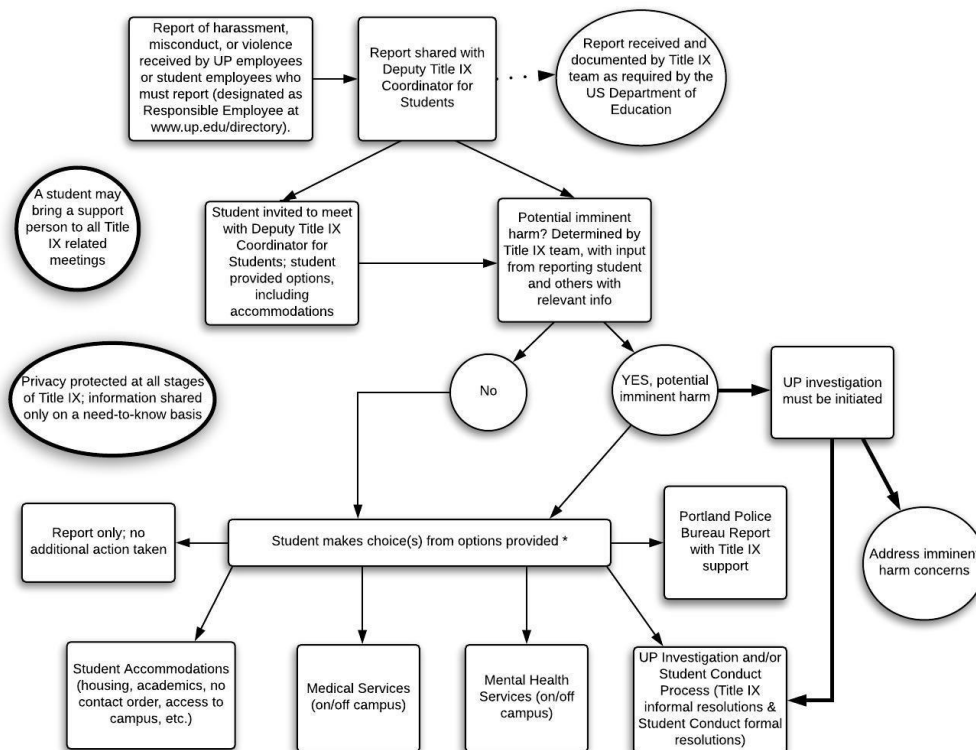
- Title IX Office Staff  
(503) 943.8982 ▪ [titleix@up.edu](mailto:titleix@up.edu)
- Residence Life Staff  
(503) 943.7205 or [reslife@up.edu](mailto:reslife@up.edu)  
[Includes all hall directors, assistant hall directors, and resident assistants]
- Student Conduct Tyler Hale  
(503) 943.7205 ▪ [halet@up.edu](mailto:halet@up.edu)
- Studies Abroad  
(503) 943.7857 ▪ [studiesabroad@up.edu](mailto:studiesabroad@up.edu)

\*\* Responsible Employees are required to report to Title IX Office and/or other UP professionals to ensure campus safety and an appropriate University response but otherwise will protect privacy to the greatest extent possible.

## Other Resources (External of UP)

- Assist America (part of CISI insurance coverage for all UP students studying abroad):  
Emergency assistance abroad (call collect)  
+1 (609) 986.1234  
Within the US toll free (800) 872-1414, [medservices@assistamerica.com](mailto:medservices@assistamerica.com)
- Pathways to Safety International  
See website for contact email instructions for your country: [crisis@pathwaystosafety.org](mailto:crisis@pathwaystosafety.org)  
[pathwaystosafety.org](http://pathwaystosafety.org)
- Call to Safety  
+1 (888) 235.5333 ▪ [calltosafety.org](http://calltosafety.org)  
Provides support and information about resources related to domestic violence and sexual assault.
- US National Sexual Assault Hotline  
+1 (800) 656.4673 ▪ [rainn.org](http://rainn.org)  
Provides support, information and referral services for sexual assault survivors.
- Q Center  
+1 (503) 234.7837 ▪ [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org)  
Provides resources and referrals for the LGBTQ+ community.
- Forge  
+1 (414) 559.2123 ▪ [forge-forward.org](http://forge-forward.org)  
Provides services to transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary survivors of sexual assault.
- US Department of State  
Nearest US embassy or consulate  
[www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov), Call +1 (202) 501.4444
- Emergency 9-1-1 Equivalencies Abroad  
[https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/students-abroad/pdfs/911\\_ABROAD.pdf](https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/students-abroad/pdfs/911_ABROAD.pdf)

## UP Response to Reports of Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment, Misconduct, or Violence



- No time frame exists for reporting to Title IX/No “statute of limitations” exists.
- “Imminent harm” means that the situation involves potentially severe, pervasive, and/or persistent harm (whether physical, psychological, or emotional) to the reporting student or other individuals to a degree that requires UP to act, consistent with federal and state requirements.

- \* Student may choose more than one support option at a time.
- \* All options provided to a student multiple times.
- \* Student’s choice is supported and facilitated by Public Safety, Residence Life, Student Conduct, Title IX, and other relevant campus offices.
- \* On and off campus resources provided to student.
- \* One goal of response process is to minimize additional trauma.
- \* Some steps or options may be different if the report is about an employee.