



# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY MANUAL

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## **Policy on Sexual Harassment for Students**

### **PURPOSE:**

California State University Channel Islands University is committed to maintaining an environment free of discrimination and all forms of coercion that impede the academic freedom or diminish the dignity of any member of the University community. The University emphasizes this policy specifically as it pertains to the prevention of sexual harassment and to the obligations of students, faculty, and staff.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Section 703 of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Title V, Sections 41301-41304; Executive Order 970; and other pertinent statutes laws, regulations, or revisions.

### **POLICY:**

#### **Accountability:**

This policy is administered through the Judicial Affairs Officer. Questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints should be directed to Judicial Affairs. The Judicial Affairs Officer is responsible for assisting students regarding alleged sexual harassment and resolving situations in which sexual harassment occurs or is perceived as occurring; educating CSU Channel Islands students regarding the issue of sexual harassment and developing strategies for its elimination; and conducting investigations and responding to allegations of sexual harassment made against students of CSU Channel Islands. These responses may include an appropriate action to remedy the complainant's loss, if any.

#### **Applicability:**

This policy applies to all students including student applicants as it relates to all University programs and services.

Employees should refer to the California State University *Systemwide Policy*.



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**Text:**

California State University Channel Islands will not tolerate sexually harassing conduct within its community and will take all reasonable steps to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment. Sexual Harassment is conduct subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion. Sexual harassment may also result in legal action against the individual and university. Sexual harassment includes but is not limited to:

- Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature;
- Conduct of a sexual nature that is unwelcome and contributes to a learning environment that is hostile, intimidating, offensive, or adverse to persons;
- Conditioning an academic act, decision, evaluation, or recommendation on the submission to or tolerance of any act of a sexual nature.

In determining whether conduct constitutes sexual harassment, all of the circumstances surrounding the conduct are considered.

The prohibition against sexual harassment applies to all University related activities, whether on or off campus.

CSU Channel Islands will not tolerate any retaliatory action or other reprisals against those persons who: (a) oppose practices prohibited by this policy; (b) file complaints of sexual harassment; or (c) assist with or participate in a sexual harassment investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by CSU Channel Islands or any local, state, or federal agency. Individuals are encouraged to report any conduct that might constitute sexual harassment to any Student Affairs Administrator or to Human Resources Programs.

\*The parameters of 'sexual harassment' are defined by State and Federal statutes and Court decisions. While the policy set forth above describes actions which fall generally within the scope of 'sexual harassment,' all CSU students are required to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes congeniality within our community and avoids harassment as defined by State and Federal law.