

Title IX Statement

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”) prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity. Sexual harassment, which includes sexual assault and other sexual misconduct, is a form of sex discrimination. Under the University Sexual Misconduct Policy, the University prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct including, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and retaliation, some of which may constitute prohibited conduct under Title IX. As a recipient of federal funds, Villanova University complies with Title IX and has appointed Ms. Ryan Rost as its Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for overall Title IX compliance, including oversight of the University’s centralized review, investigation, and resolution process for matters arising under the University Sexual Misconduct Policy. Ms. Rost can be reached at 204 Tolentine Hall, (610) 519-8805, ryan.rost@villanova.edu.

Any student, employee or applicant for employment or admission to the University who believes that they have been discriminated against on the basis of sex, in violation of Title IX, or has been a victim of sexual misconduct under the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy, may file a complaint with the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator designated below. The Title IX Coordinator is a University resource who can: discuss with Complainants and Respondents the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint; consider the Complainant’s and Respondent’s wishes with respect to available supportive measures; explain to the Complainant the process for filing a formal complaint; and explain to the Respondent the process following the filing of a formal complaint. The Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator will assist the Complainant in identifying the appropriate University policy (with its grievance procedure) to resolve the complaint in a prompt and equitable manner. The Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator may consult with other Villanova administrators, as needed, to resolve the complaint in the most effective manner.

The Title IX Coordinator is supported by several Deputy Title IX Coordinators, all of whom are knowledgeable and trained in state and federal laws that apply to matters of sexual misconduct, as well as University policy and procedure.

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This statement can be found on the University website at: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/sexual-misconduct/titleix.html>.