

and compromise the integrity of the university community. All forms of sexual assault are violations of the A-4 (Mental or Bodily Harm to Others) provision of the Ohio University Student Code of Conduct. Students found in violation of this provision are subject to a range of disciplinary sanctions including disciplinary expulsion from Ohio University. In cases of sexual assault, both the accused student and the complainant have rights which are observed through the university judicial process. These rights are contained in their entirety in the Ohio University Student Code of Conduct.

Ohio University is committed to creating an environment free from the threat of sexual assault, while actively responding to the needs of those affected by sexual assault. Consistent with this commitment, Ohio University has created a sexual assault education and prevention program which serves as the primary source for information, advocacy, and referral. Through this program and other departments on campus, Ohio University provides educational workshops and materials, prevention programs, and advocacy. Students affected by sexual assault may also seek assistance through this program in negotiating housing and academic accommodations.

Members of the Ohio University community who have been sexually assaulted are strongly encouraged to talk with a counselor, report the assault to the Ohio University Police Department, and obtain medical assistance.

Counseling services are available for students through the Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program and Counseling and Psychological Services. All services are free.

Survivors are advised to report the assault to the Ohio University Police Department as soon as possible after the incident. Thus, evidence which might otherwise be lost after time has elapsed can be collected. All reports of sexual assault are confidential. Reporting sexual assault to OUPD in no way compels an individual to pursue a specific course of action. However, reporting does enable an individual to be apprised of the medical, emotional, legal, and university judicial options for dealing with the assault.

Medical attention is important for two reasons:

- Testing and/or medical treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, or physical injuries.
- Evidence collection.

View our student sexual assault reporting protocol [here](#).

Statement on Hate Motivated Offenses

Ohio University defines hate-motivated offenses as conduct (harassment or physical acts) directed at an individual(s) on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability with intention to intimidate or injure an individual(s), physically, mentally, or emotionally. Hate-motivated offenses compromise the integrity of the Ohio University community and may constitute violations of the A-4 (Mental or Bodily Harm to Others) and A-5 (Discrimination) provisions of the Ohio University Student Code of Conduct. Students found responsible for such violations are subject to a range of disciplinary sanctions including disciplinary expulsion from Ohio University. University Judiciaries may impose harsher sanctions when behavior is proven to be motivated by hate. As in all cases of misconduct, including hate-motivated offenses, both the accused student and the complainant have rights that are observed throughout the university judicial process. These rights are contained in their entirety in the Ohio University Student Code of Conduct.

Ohio University seeks to foster a safe environment conducive to learning and the free exchange of ideas. As such, Ohio University does not limit constitutionally protected speech. Ohio University, however, is steadfast in its intolerance for hateful behavior that is directed at an individual(s) with the motivation of causing harm. This position is a constitutionally permitted exercise of the university's authority to educate and discipline its students.

Members of the Ohio University community affected by hate-motivated offenses are strongly encouraged to report the incident. Such offenses can be reported to a variety of offices on campus including: **University Judiciaries, Residence Life, Ohio University Police, Counseling and Psychological Services, Health Education and Wellness, the LGBT Office, Multicultural Programs Office, the Dean of Students Office, Institutional Equity, and International Student and Faculty Services.** Reporting hate-motivated offenses does not in itself constitute a formal complaint nor compel one to file a formal complaint of misconduct.

Statement on Hazing

Ohio University maintains the autonomy of campus organizations within the constraints of the established rules and regulations as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, the Student Handbook and the Student Organization Guide. Initiation into campus organizations and other activities undertaken by such organizations or individuals must be consistent with the stated purposes of the organization and the educational mission of Ohio University. Any activities that