



Ringling College of Art and Design is committed to creating and maintaining a community in which students, faculty, and staff can work together in an atmosphere free from all forms of discrimination. Specifically, every member of the College community should be aware that Ringling College is opposed to discrimination, including sexual harassment, and that such behavior is prohibited by College policy (see *Non-Discrimination Policy, Non-Harassment Policy, Sexual Misconduct Policy*). It is the intention of the College to take whatever action may be necessary to prevent, correct, and, if necessary, discipline for behavior which violates this policy. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) is Federal law which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education, programs or activities. Sexual misconduct and harassment, as defined in the Ringling College of Art and Design Non-Harassment Policy and Sexual Misconduct Policy, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX, and includes sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. This policy applies to students, faculty, staff and visitors and covers conduct both on and off campus. Off-campus conduct that is likely to have a substantial effect on a complainant's on-campus life and activities or poses a threat or danger to members of the Ringling College community may also be addressed under this policy.

While it is often thought of as a law that applies to athletics programs, Title IX is much broader than athletics and applies to all programs at Ringling College. While compliance with the law is everyone's responsibility at Ringling College, the College has a designated Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator to oversee its response to all reports of sex discrimination, including harassment and sexual misconduct, and coordinate compliance with the mandates of Title IX. The Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator are knowledgeable and trained in the College's policies and procedures, State and Federal laws that apply to sexual misconduct and harassment, and the dynamics of sexual misconduct and harassment. The Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator are available to meet with any individual to discuss the options for resolving a report under this policy.

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The Title IX Coordinator has the overall responsibility for the implementation of the Title IX program at Ringling College. The Coordinator oversees the administration of grievance procedures for faculty and staff, and coordinates training, education and communication of all College non-discrimination and non- harassment policies. The Deputy Title IX Coordinator oversees the administration of the grievance procedures for students and coordinates training, education and communication to students. Grievance procedures are described in the *Student Code of Conduct*, the *Non-Harassment Policy*, and the *Sexual Misconduct Policy*.

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