

Student Rights and Options

If anyone is in imminent danger and/or if this is an emergency, please contact the police department where you are located:

- UIS Campus Police Emergency Number: (217) 206-7777
- Springfield Police Department Emergency: 911
- Peoria Police Department: Emergency: 911

If you or someone you know have experienced sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, or stalking, please know that there are resources available to you. You have rights and options for reporting and support. A description of these rights, options, and available resources can be viewed at UIS's [Student Rights and Options webpage](#). This information is also provided below.

- If you are reporting having experienced incidents that may constitute sexual misconduct, please know that UIS cares and you have rights and options.
- **For guidance on what to do if you are the victim of sexual misconduct**, including where to seek medical attention, the importance of preserving evidence, reporting options, and confidential counseling, visit [Appendix D](#) to the UIS Sexual Misconduct Policy. You also have the following rights and options.
- **You have the right to file a report with Law Enforcement.** You can call the UIS Police Department (non-emergency) at (217) 206-6690. You may also request our assistance in reporting an incident to your local law enforcement. If this is an emergency and you are on campus, please call their emergency number at (217) 206-7777. If you are not on campus and this is an emergency, please call 911.
- **You have the right to file a report and/or submit a formal complaint with the UIS Title IX Coordinator.** The UIS Title IX Coordinator is **Shelby Bedford**. She can be contacted via email at titleix@uis.edu or aeo@uis.edu or by phone at 217-206-9999 or 217-206-6222.
- **You have the right to choose not to make a report or submit a formal complaint.**
- **You have the right to privacy.** You may request that your identity be kept confidential and/or that UIS not investigate your concerns. The Title IX Coordinator evaluates each request, taking into account your desires, UIS's responsibility to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students and employees, and other relevant factors. Requesting privacy or deciding not to file a complaint or report may limit the university's ability to respond fully to an incident or initiate responsive action. The UIS Sexual Misconduct Policy includes [protections against retaliation](#).
- **Whether or not you choose to file a report with the police or submit a formal complaint to UIS**, you have the right to our assistance accessing and navigating campus and local health and mental health services and counseling and advocacy services. You can get confidential counseling to help cope with an incident or to explore options, find needed resources, and get advice about – or before – reporting an incident. Resources are listed below.
- **You have the right to feel safe on campus.** If you wish to make your identity known, the UIS Title IX Officer can coordinate supportive measures to immediately assist your well-being, including requesting police patrols or escorts or other assistance with your transportation situation; monitoring the presence of persons of reported concern; working with Residence Life and Housing to request a change in your living arrangements if remaining in your current

Residence Life assignment makes you uncomfortable or feels unsafe; obtaining and enforcing a UIS-issued no contact order; and providing guidance regarding obtaining an order of protection or no contact order in a State court.

- If you feel that your ability to perform well academically has been impacted by your experience, the Title IX Coordinator can work with the Dean of Students to assist you with any academic adjustments you might request, including advocating on your behalf with your professors if you are experiencing difficulty completing assignments or attending class due to safety concerns or impactful feelings. If you are an international student and withdrawing from classes based on your Title IX-related concerns impacts your visa clearance profile, the Title IX Coordinator will work with International Student Services to support your active enrollment status.

If you want to talk more about your rights, options, and support resources, you may also contact a Confidential Advisor. Confidential Advisors can be reached through the [UIS Counseling Center](#) at (217) 206-7122.

Confidential resources are also available within the community. Below are some local and national support resources:

- **Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault:**
 - Confidential 24/7 Crisis Hotline: (217) 752-8081
 - General Phone Number- (217) 744-2560
 - Website: <https://www.prairiecasa.org/>
- **Sojourn Shelter & Services (Domestic & Dating Violence)**
 - Confidential 24/7 hotline: (217) 726-5200
 - Website: www.sojournshelter.org
- **Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA)**
 - Phone number: (217) 753-4117
 - Website: <https://icasa.org/>
- **RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)**
 - Website: <https://www.rainn.org/>
 - Confidential 24/7 hotline: 800-656-HOPE (4673)
- **National Network to End Domestic Violence**
 - Confidential 24/7 U.S. National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 and TTY 1-800-787-3224
 - Website: <https://nnedv.org/>

If you are in need of medical assistance, please contact:

- **UIS Health Services**
 - Website: <https://www.uis.edu/healthservices/>
 - Phone number: (217) 206-6676
- **Memorial Medical Center (Springfield)**
 - Emergency Room: (217) 788-3030
- **St. John's Hospital (Springfield)**
 - Emergency Room: (217) 544-6464
- **OSF Saint Francis Medical Center (Peoria)**
 - Main Number: (309) 655-2000

UIS maintains a comprehensive Sexual Misconduct Policy and complaint resolution procedures in compliance with applicable law, designed to prioritize safety and well-being while promptly, fairly, impartially, and thoroughly investigating complaints. For more information about UIS's Sexual Misconduct Policy and the reporting process, please visit the links below:

- [UIS Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)
- [UIS Sexual Misconduct Policy Appendices](#)
- [Procedures for Resolving Complaints Against UIS Students](#)
- [Procedures for Resolving Complaints Against UIS Employees](#)