



## Student Bill of Rights (Title IX)

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Vermont College of Fine Arts is committed to providing options, support and assistance to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking to ensure that they can continue to participate in College programs, activities, and employment. All victims/survivors have the following rights, regardless of whether the crime or violation occurs on campus, off campus, or while studying abroad.

You have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the process free from pressure by VCFA;
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from VCFA referrals to health care and counseling services;
6. Be free from any suggestion that a complainant is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few VCFA representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by VCFA, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of VCFA;
9. Have access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an adviser of choice who may assist and advise a complainant, accused, or respondent throughout the process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process; and
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative process of VCFA.

For additional information please see VCFA's Title IX policy at:

<http://vcfa.edu/campus-safety>