SUNY BROOME

Victim/Survivor Students' Bill of Rights

The State University of New York and SUNY Broome Community College are 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 SUNY Broome Community College programs, activities, and employment.

All victims/survivors of these crimes and violations, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction, have the following rights, regardless of whether the crime or violation occurs on campus, off campus, or while studying abroad:

All students 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 judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure by the college;
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 the college courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
6. Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few institutional representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by the college, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the college;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an advisor of your choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process;
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of the college.

Options in brief:

Victims/survivors have many options that can be pursued simultaneously, including one or more of the following:

1. Receive resources, such as counseling and medical attention;
2. Confidentially or anonymously disclose a crime or violation (for detailed information on confidentiality and privacy, visit https://www2.sunybroome.edu/titleix/ for more information).
3. Make a report to:
   - An employee with the authority to address complaints, including the Title IX Coordinator, a Student Conduct employee, or a Human Resources employee;
   - SUNY Broome Office of Public Safety;
   - Local law enforcement, and/or
   - Family Court or Civil Court.

For more information visit: www2.sunybroome.edu/titleix/