

Information for Crime Victims About Disciplinary Hearings

Individuals who have been sexually assaulted should seek immediate medical, emotional, or other assistance. Assistance is available by calling 911, Campus Police (x2555), the Title IX Coordinator (903) – 813 – 2433, or any local hospital.

The Title IX Coordinator can provide assistance with concerns about physical safety or the need for alternative housing. Victims/Survivors of sexual assault are also urged to seek confidential counseling or support. Students may seek such support from the Chaplain or the Dean of Student Services and Counseling. Students who feel they may have committed sexual assault may seek confidential assistance from personnel at the Counseling Service in Adams Center ext. 2247, or the Chaplain, ext. 2210, as well.

College authorities responding to complaints of sexual assault will inform victims, at a minimum, of the options of criminal prosecution, medical assistance, the internal complaint process, confidential counseling, alternative housing assignments and academic alternatives. The College will provide assistance in changing housing and academic situation if requested by the victim and if such changes are reasonably available.

College authorities will also inform victims of their rights under the crime victim's bill of rights (Chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Procedure). In addition, College authorities will provide assistance if requested in notifying proper law enforcement authorities and in preserving materials that are relevant to the internal complaint process. College authorities will also, at the direction of the local police, provide assistance in obtaining, securing, and maintaining evidence for criminal prosecution.

For all other information and for available resources, please see the College's Title IX website & policy. This website is located at <https://www.austincollege.edu/campus-life/sexual-misconduct/>. As well, the website is available through the Sexual Misconduct link located at the bottom of every Austin College Webpage. Community members wishing to make reports may also use the campus conduct hotline available through the Campus Conduct Hotline tab at the bottom of every Austin College webpage in the Get Linked box.

The Title IX policy has been updated to comply with the State of Texas's laws, and the Department of Education's regulations. The College retains authority to implement any procedures and responses it determines is appropriate.

Statement on Alcohol and discipline from The Environment

In the enforcement of the laws of the State of Texas and the City of Sherman concerning the consumption, possession and serving of alcoholic beverages, violations of the AC Alcohol Policy will be considered an NACSC violation.

Those violations that occur in the residence halls, Johnson Suites or Bryan Apartments will be in the jurisdiction of the residence hall's staff and the appropriate hearing board. Students living off campus and Student Organizations that violate the policy and are reported are accountable to the Director of Student Life or his/her designee and may be referred to the appropriate judicial body for adjudication as determined by the NACSC. Students are warned that they are subject to prosecution by the local police if any violation of state or local laws is involved, and if the police choose to be involved.

Statement on Alcohol from The Environment

Members of the Austin College community need to be aware that the legal drinking age in Texas is 21 years. A person must be 21 years of age, or older, to purchase, possess or transport alcohol. Austin College functions in direct compliance with the laws of the State of Texas, Grayson County, and the City of Sherman. Members of the College community are required to uphold the local city ordinance prohibiting open containers of alcohol in public areas. Further specific regulations that govern the use, possession and sale of alcoholic beverages at Austin College can be found in this policy.

Students or groups who choose to utilize alcoholic beverages are expected to handle alcohol responsibly and conform to the laws of this State and the policies of Austin College. Failure to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary action. Austin College neither forbids nor encourages members of its community to use alcoholic beverages. Each member of the Austin College community is responsible for supporting this policy under the Community Principle. Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of all members of the Austin College community; though, it is the responsibility of the Student Affairs staff to adjudicate student violations of this policy.

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