2020 ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT
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Containing crime statistics for 2019, 2018, 2017

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The 2020 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB), Annual Security Report/Fire Safety Report is provided to current and prospective students and to employees as part of the University’s commitment to the safety and well-being of the UAPB community. All policy statements contained in this report apply to all campuses unless otherwise indicated.

The Clery Act

History: The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) is a federal policy requiring all institutions of higher education that receive federal student financial aid program to disclose information crime statistics about their campuses surrounding communities. The Clery Act affects virtually all public and private institutions and is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. Campuses that fail to comply with the Act can be penalized through large fines and suspension from the federal financial aid program.

The Clery Act, formerly known as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, was signed in 1990 and is named after 19-year-old Jeanne Clery, who was raped and murdered in her Lehigh University residence hall in 1986. Clery’s parents lobbied Congress to enact the law when they discovered students at Lehigh had not been notified about 38 violent crimes that had occurred on the campus in the three years prior to Clery’s murder.

On November 8, 1990, President Bush signed the “Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990.” The Act applies to every institution of higher education that receives federal financial aid. Title II of the Act was called the “Campus Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.” It requires institutions of higher education to distribute to all current students and employees, and applicants for enrollment or employment, two types of information: (1) Descriptions of policies related to campus security, and (2) Statistics concerning specific types of crimes. Amendments enacted in 1998 renamed Title II, and it is now known as the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.” The amendments require the disclosure of crimes that are reported to police and campus officials other than police, along with a breakdown of locations of criminal activity to be specified as on-campus, non-campus, residence hall or public property. The most recent update in 2013 seeks to increase transparency, accountability, and education surrounding the issue of campus violence, including sexual assaults, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

POLICY FOR REPORTING THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS
The University Police & Public Safety Department prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act). The 2020 Annual Security
Report/Fire Safety Report includes statistics for the previous three years (2019, 2018, and 2017) concerning reported crimes/fires that occurred: (1) on-campus; (2) in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the University; and (3) on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. University Police collect relevant information from Relativity Public Safety system (RPS), police daily/fire logs, criminal case files, campus security authorities, and Title IX investigations. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies addressing dating violence, domestic violence, hate crimes, stalking, and other criminal offences and violations. In accordance with the Clery Act, the UAPB-Department of Agriculture, Regulatory Science, North Little Rock (UAPB-DARS (NLR) is defined as a separate campus. As a result, the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report separately contains information for both campuses (Pine Bluff and North Little Rock), including: 1) crime statistics chart for each campus; and 2) any policy statements at UAPB-DARS (NLR) that are different from those of the main campus. The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is updated each year and a copy of this report may be obtained by contacting University Police & Public Safety at (870) 575-8102, Office of Student Affairs at (870) 575-8503, or by accessing the UAPB website at:


EMERGENCIES AND REPORTING CRIME

Students, faculty or staff encountering emergencies, violations of University regulations, or crimes in violation of local, state, or federal law should report these incidents to one of the following offices.

Medical emergency –

- University Police & Public Safety
  1900 West Reeker Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-8102 or dial 911

- Pine Bluff Police Department
  208 E. 8th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 541-5300

- Metropolitan Emergency Communication Association (MECA)
  (870) 541-5300 or dial 911

- Student Health Services- Hugh Browne Infirmary
  2103 John Kennedy Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-7107 or dial 911

- Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS)
  1121 West 7th Street
  Little Rock, AR 72201
  (501) 301-1400
Other types of emergency –

- University Police & Public Safety, 1900 West Reeker Avenue Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-8102 or dial 911

- Pine Bluff Police Department, 208 E. 8th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 541-5300 or dial 911

- Metropolitan Emergency Communication Association (MECA) –
  (870) 541-5300 or dial 911

- North Little Rock Police Department
  200 West Pershing Boulevard
  North Little Rock, AR 72114
  (501) 758-1234 or dial 911

- Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office
  315 W. 29th St.
  North Little Rock, AR 72114
  (501) 791-7252 or dial 911

Crimes in violations of local, state or federal laws

- University Police & Public Safety
  1900 West Reeker Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-8102

- Pine Bluff Police Department, 208 E. 8th Avenue
  Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 541-5300

- Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office
  101 East Barraque Street #112
  Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 541-5351
  - Arkansas State Police
    6816 Princeton Pike
    Pine Bluff, AR 71602
    (870) 247-1483

  - North Little Rock Police Department
    200 West Pershing Boulevard
    North Little Rock, AR 72114
    (501) 758-1234
• Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office
  315 W. 29th St.
  North Little Rock, AR 72114
  (501) 791-7252 or dial 911

Violations of University regulations –
• Student Judicial System, 1200 North University Drive, Mail Slot 4932
  Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-8361

• University Police & Public Safety
  1900 West Reeker Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-8102

Response to Reports of Crimes or Emergencies

Responses to these reports will vary according to the situations. Emergencies will receive immediate action to resolve the situation. Reported crimes in violations of local, state or federal law will be investigated by University Police & Public Safety. Information acquired in this investigation will be used in selecting an appropriate course of action. Options for action include: 1.) Notify proper law enforcement authorities, including on-campus and local police. 2.) Be assisted in notifying law enforcement authorities if victim so chooses. 3.) Decline to notify authorities. 4.) Rights of victim and institution’s responsibilities for orders of protection, no contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by criminal, civil, or tribal court or by the institution. Reported violations of University policies or regulations will be investigated and, where appropriate, adjudicated by the Office of Student Affairs. All University Police incident reports are forwarded to the Dean of Students office for review and potential action. University Police officers will investigate a report when appropriate and additional information obtained during the course of the investigation will also be forwarded to the Dean of Students.

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to accurately and promptly report all crimes and public safety related incidents to University Police in a timely manner, including when the victim elects to, or is unable to, make such a report. Crimes should be reported to University Police & Public Safety and/or Primary CSA’s (Dean of Students 870-575-8360, Title IX 870-575-8408, and Student Counseling, Assessment and Development 870-575-8969) to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate. If assistance is required from the Pine Bluff Police Department or the Pine Bluff Fire Department, University Police will contact the appropriate unit.

Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Notification to Victims of Crime(s) of Violence

The institution will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or a non-forceful sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of this paragraph.
CLERY ACT DEFINITIONS OF REPORTABLE CRIMES

Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter is defined as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Manslaughter by Negligence is defined as the killing of another person through gross negligence.

Robbery - is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault - is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Burglary - is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Motor Vehicle Theft - is the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Arson - is any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Liquor Law Violations are defined as the violations of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness. Included in this classification is the furnishing, possessing, etc., of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; underage possession; using liquor by a minor or intemperate person; underage possession; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and attempts to commit any of the above.

Illegal Weapons Possession is defined as the violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons. This classification encompasses weapons offenses that are regulatory in nature. Included in this classification: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; using, manufacturing, etc., of silencers; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and attempts to commit any of the above.

Drug Law Violation is defined as the violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics- manufactured narcotics which can cause true addiction (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).
For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

UAPB prohibits the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, as defined by the Clery Act.

**Hate Crime** is a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias against a race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin.

- **Race bias:** A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics (e.g., color of skin, eyes, and/or hair; facial features, etc.) genetically transmitted by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind (e.g., Asians, blacks, whites).

- **Gender bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons because those persons are male or female. Gender bias is also a Clery Act-specific term, not found in the FBI’s Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines.

  - **Gender Identity Bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender identity, e.g., bias against transgender or gender non-conforming individuals.

- **Religion bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being (e.g., Catholics, Jews, Protestants, atheists).

- **Sexual orientation bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of their own sex or members of the opposite sex (e.g., gays, lesbians, heterosexuals).

- **Ethnicity bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people whose members identify with each other, through a common heritage, often consisting of a common language, common culture (often including a shared religion) and/or ideology that stresses common ancestry.

- **National Origin bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people based on their actual or perceived country of birth. This bias may be against people that have a name or accent associated with a national origin group, participate in certain customs associated with a national origin group, or because they are married to or associate with people of a certain national origin.

- **Disability bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities or a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment.
LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY POLICE PERSONNEL

University Police & Public Safety has primary responsibility for campus safety. Specifically, University Police is responsible for crime prevention, University policy enforcement, law enforcement, (which includes enforcing federal, state and local laws), parking control, emergency response, residence hall security, policing of special events, and various other community services on campus. University Police provide a full range of campus services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Some of these services include investigating reports of crimes, conducting follow-ups as necessary, and filing criminal charges or referring the matter (as appropriate) to another department. University Police officers have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on-campus and areas immediately adjacent to the campus pursuant to A.C.A. 25-17-305. Where appropriate, the campus police may also refer the individual to the Dean of Students. All officers of University Police & Public Safety meet state mandated training requirements and are certified by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery, and auto theft are jointly investigated by officers from University Police and other law enforcement agencies. State and local law enforcement agencies are deployed to investigate these serious felony crimes. The prosecution of all criminal offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted in the appropriate local, state, or federal court.

While there is no written memorandum of understanding pertaining to the investigation of alleged criminal incidents between University Police and the Pine Bluff Police Department, a verbal mutual agreement addresses the jurisdictional boundaries (restricted to the UAPB campus and the city of Pine Bluff) and the jurisdiction of law enforcement authority of University Police officers in off-campus areas. Based on this verbal mutual agreement, University Police & Public Safety officers have the authority to affect an arrest or execute a search warrant within the agreed jurisdictional boundaries. The mutual agreement also provides for reciprocal service to protect the UAPB community in the event of a critical incident. When a UAPB student is involved in an off-campus offense, University Police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state, or federal law enforcement. University Police and Pine Bluff Police Department maintain a close working relationship and Pine Bluff Police Department officers routinely work and communicate with University Police & Public Safety officers on any serious incidents occurring on-campus or in the immediate neighborhood and business areas surrounding campus. UAPB operates no non-campus housing and there are no student organization facilities that own, lease or control permanent space (housing, offices, etc.) off campus. However, many students live in the neighborhoods surrounding UAPB. While the Pine Bluff Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department have primary jurisdiction in all areas off-campus, University Police & Public Safety officers can and do respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. University Police officers have direct radio communications with the city police, fire department, and ambulance services to facilitate rapid response in any emergency situation. In addition, the University Police requests specified crime statistics reported to local police agencies that occurred on or near campus and on University controlled or affiliated property to be reported for inclusion in the University’s Annual Crime Report.

MECA operates an Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) terminal. Through this system University Police & Public Safety personnel have access to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as well as ACIC. These databases are used for accessing criminal histories, nationwide police
records, department of motor vehicle information, and all other law enforcement investigative inquiries.

**Campus Security Authorities**
The Clery Act definition of a Campus Security Authority (CSA) includes all UAPB personnel beyond University Police officers that have a significant responsibility for student and campus activities. CSAs, as defined by the Clery Act, have an obligation to assist victims by reporting allegations of Clery Act-defined crimes that they conclude are made in good faith. These crime allegations should be reported as soon as practicable to University Police or to the local police. The intent of including non-law enforcement personnel as CSAs is to acknowledge that many individuals and students in particular are hesitant about reporting crimes to the police, but may be more inclined to report incidents to other campus-affiliated individuals. Although not encouraged, crimes may be reported confidentially to CSAs for inclusion in the annual security report.

**Confidential Reporting**
Confidential reporting is available if you witness or are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University System or the criminal justice system. With your permission, the Chief of University Police or a designee of University Police can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, University Police can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, employees and visitors; determine whether there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant; and when necessary alert the campus community to potential danger. Confidential reports made to University Police or CSAs are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistic survey for the institution. It is the policy of the University to encourage the reporting of crimes even if the victim does not wish to file a complaint. All faculty and staff are informed of the policy at Faculty Staff Seminar (Professional Development) meetings each year. If a crime is reported to the CSA and the victim chooses not to report it to the police, then the faculty or staff member is required to complete a Crime Incident Report Form, on-which the victim’s name is not required. This form is available at University Police, Office of Residential Life, and Office of Student Affairs. Any information received will be reported to University Police for crime reporting notifications, campus crime statistics reporting, and campus education programs. The Chief of University Police & Public Safety is responsible for the collection, reporting, and disseminating of annual crime statistics from the local police agencies and CSAs for inclusion in the annual crime report. A crime is reported when it is brought to the attention of a CSA or local law enforcement by (regardless of that person’s affiliation with the campus): 1) a witness; 2) a victim; 3) a third party; and 4) the offender. The institution will disclose crimes regardless of whether the crimes have been investigated by University Police or local police, and regardless of whether a finding of guilt or responsibility has been assigned. On occasion, an agency will receive a complaint that is determined through investigation to be false or baseless. If the investigation shows that no offense occurred nor was attempted, the reported offense can be classified as “unfounded”. Only sworn law enforcement may classify a reported offense as “unfounded.”

**Counselor Confidential Reporting**
The Director of Student Counseling, Assessment and Development, when acting as the counselor, is not considered to be a CSA and is not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual security report. The counselor determines on a case-by-case basis when and how to encourage clients to report crimes on a voluntary confidential basis to law enforcement for investigation and when and how to confidentially
report crimes solely for inclusion in UAPB’s annual security report. UAPB does not have pastoral counselors or provide counseling of a religious nature.

**Daily Crime Log**

University Police maintains a daily crime log. The daily crime log discloses all alleged criminal incidents, including non-Cler Act crimes, reported to University Police and the site coordinator for UAPB-DARS (NLR) regardless of how much time has passed since the alleged incident occurred.

The Clery Act requires that the daily crime log include specific categories of information including: 1) the nature of the crime; 2) the date and time the crime occurred; 3) the general location of the crime; and, 4) the disposition of the complaint, if known.

University Police and the site coordinator for UAPB-DARS (NLR) may temporarily withhold information from the daily crime log in cases where there is clear and convincing evidence that the release of information would: 1) jeopardize an ongoing investigation; 2) jeopardize the safety of an individual; 3) cause a suspect to flee or evade detection; or, 4) result in the destruction of evidence.

**The daily crime log for each campus is open to public inspection and available at the UAPB Police Department.**


**Timely Warning**

Timely warnings are activated as soon as pertinent information is available about a situation or crime that has occurred within the UAPB Clery Geography (On Campus, Public Property and Non-campus property), and represents a serious or an ongoing threat. The decision to issue a timely warning shall be decided and initiated, on a case-by-case basis, by considering all available facts, provided by the Chancellor, his or her designee, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dean of Students and/or Chief of University Police for the UAPB campus and the DARS (NLR) site coordinator for the North Little Rock Site. Timely Warning Notices are typically written by the Chief of Campus Police and distributed by approved designee. Only authorized individuals have access to send out Timely Warning Notices.

Timely warnings alert the campus community regarding any Clery Act crime committed on the Clery geography that has been reported to University Police & Public Safety, CSAs or local police agencies and is considered to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the following:

- UAPB Campus – University Police at (870) 575-8102 or dial 911
- UAPB-DARS (NLR) – North Little Rock Police at (501) 758-1234 or dial 911

Timely warnings are typically issued for the following incidents when it is determined that the incident represents a serious or continuing threat to students and employees:

- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter
• Sexual Assault (considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the facts of the case, when and where the incident occurred, when it was reported, and the amount of information known). Cases involving sexual assault are often reported long after the incident occurred, as such, there may be no ability to distribute a “timely” warning notice to the community. All cases of sexual assault, including stranger and non-stranger/acquaintance cases, will be assessed for potential issuance of a timely warning notice.
• Robbery
• Aggravated assault (cases involving assaults among known parties, such as two roommates fighting which results in an aggravated injury, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if the individual is believed to be an ongoing threat to the larger community.)
• Major incidents of Arson
• Domestic violence, dating violence, stalking
• Other crimes as determined necessary

A timely warning may be distributed to the campuses using some or all of the following mechanisms:

• Microsoft Outlook-365 email system
• AlertUAPB- Rave Emergency Notifications- AlertUAPB (RAVE) is an emergency notification program which allows the University to send time-sensitive notifications via voice, e-mail and text messaging.
• The marquee located on University Drive
• The university website
• Social media platforms

Information contained in each timely warning will include: 1) specific information about the crime that prompted the alert (date/time/location and nature of the crime); 2) information promoting safety (crime prevention and safety tips); and 3) information that will assist individuals in protecting themselves (what action to take or not take). The name(s) of alleged victim(s) will be withheld as confidential from all timely warnings.

Timely Warning Notices will be distributed as soon as pertinent information is available, in a manner that withholds the names of victims as confidential, and with the goal of aiding in the prevention of similar occurrences.

The institution is not required to issue a Timely Warning with respect to crimes reported to a pastoral or professional counselor.

NOTE: FERPA does not preclude an institution’s compliance with the timely warning provision of the campus security regulations. FERPA recognizes that information can, in case of an emergency, be released without consent when needed to protect the health and safety of others. In addition, if institutions utilize information from the records of a campus law enforcement unit to issue a timely warning, FERPA is not implicated as those records are not protected by FERPA. [34 CFR.99.31(b) (6) and 99.36]
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
The ultimate goal of emergency preparedness is to promote community safety, assure continuity of emergency response operations, and restore normal University operations and services as quickly as possible following an emergency. The Crisis Management Handbook identifies key decision makers and their roles during a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees.

UAPB will test the emergency response and evacuation procedures at least once per calendar year. University Police will publicize these procedures in conjunction with this test and document for each test, the date and time of the event, as well as provide a description of the exercise and whether it was announced or unannounced.

The University’s Crisis Management Handbook includes information about Emergency Notifications; Crisis Operations Center (COC); University operating status parameters; incident priorities and performance expectations; shelter-in-place and evacuation guidelines; and local contingency and continuity planning requirements. Each University department is responsible for making certain that individuals under its supervision are aware of the notification systems and how the messages received are to be transmitted to other offices under its jurisdiction. The University conducts numerous emergency response exercises each year, such as table top exercises, field exercises, and tests of the emergency notification systems on campus. These tests, which may be announced or unannounced are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the institution and may be announced or unannounced.

University Police officers have received training in Incident Command and Responding to Critical Incidents on campus. When a serious incident occurs that causes an immediate threat to the campus, the first responders to the scene are usually University Police, Pine Bluff Police Department, Pine Bluff Fire Department and Emergency Ambulance Services Inc. (EASI) , and they typically respond and work together to manage the incident. Depending on the nature of the incident, other UAPB departments and other local, state, or federal agencies could also be involved in responding to the incident.

Some emergencies may require the evacuation of a building or the entire campus. The decision to evacuate a building/area will be made by the Chancellor or designee. The evacuation will be carried out under the direction of University Police or other Emergency Personnel with assistance of faculty and/or Student Affairs personnel. Persons evacuated will be escorted to designated areas. University Police or other Emergency Personnel report safety clearance to the Chancellor or designee, who decides when classes will resume. A post-incident debriefing, presided by the Chancellor or designee will be held to critique the procedures used and modify the plan for greater effectiveness.

Building Evacuation
If a building is to be evacuated, everyone should move at least 500 feet from the building. Exits are marked in all buildings. Never use an elevator to exit a building. Once the building has been evacuated, no individual will be permitted to re-enter the building until approval has been given by the Chief of the University Police or designee.

1. A building evacuation will occur when a fire alarm sounds and/or upon notification by the University Police.
2. Be aware of all marked exits in your area and building. Know exit routes from your work area.
3. If necessary or directed to do so by the University Police, activate the building fire alarm. **Building fire alarm may stop ringing. Even if the alarm stops, continue the evacuation.**
4. When the evacuation/fire alarm sounds or when you are asked to leave by the University Police, walk, quickly to the nearest marked exit and ask others to do the same. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.**
5. Assist individuals with special needs to exit the building. If possible, always evacuate mobility aids (wheelchairs, crutches) with the person.
6. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 500 feet away from the building. Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrant areas and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel. Know your assembly point so a roll call can be taken. Determined by department head.
7. If requested or directed, assist the emergency personnel.
8. An emergency command post may be set up near the emergency site. Keep clear of the command post unless you have important information to report.
9. If someone is not counted in roll call, the University Police Department should be notified immediately.
10. Do not return to an evacuated building until told to do so by the University Police Department.

**Campus Evacuation**

1. Evacuation of any part of the campus will be announced by the Chancellor or designee.
2. All individuals are to vacate the site in question immediately and relocate to another part of the campus or specified assembly point off-campus as directed.
3. Special consideration will be given to individuals with disabilities. The CAS team is responsible for complete evacuation of the affected building(s) or site(s).
4. Residence Hall evacuation(s) involve utilizing a designated area announced by the CAS. Complete evacuation may consist of transporting individuals to a designated area off-campus.

**Shelter-in-Place Procedures –What it Means to “Shelter-in-Place”**

If an incident occurs and the buildings or areas around you become unstable, or if the air outdoors becomes dangerous due to toxic or irritating substances, it is usually safer to stay indoors, because leaving the area may expose you to that danger. Thus, to “shelter-in-place” means to make a shelter of the building that you are in, and with a few adjustments this location can be made even safer and more comfortable until it is safe to go outside.

**Basic “Shelter-in-Place” Guidance**

If an incident occurs and the building you are in is not damaged, stay inside in an interior room until you are told it is safe to come out. If your building is damaged, take your personal belonging (purse, wallet, access card, etc.) and follow the evacuation procedures for your building (close your door, proceed to the nearest exit, and use the stairs instead of the elevators). Once you have evacuated, seek shelter at the nearest University building quickly. If police or fire department personnel are on the scene, follow their directions.

**How You Will Know to “Shelter-in-Place”**

A shelter-in-place notification may come from several sources, UAPBPD, Housing Staff members, other University employees, or other authorities utilizing the University’s emergency communications tools.
How to “Shelter–in-Place”
No matter where you are, the basic steps of shelter-in-place will generally remain the same. Should the need ever arise, follow these steps, unless instructed otherwise by local emergency personnel:

1. If you are inside, stay where you are. Collect any emergency shelter-in-place supplies and a telephone to be used in case of emergency. If you are outdoors, proceed into the closest building quickly or follow instructions from emergency personnel on the scene.

2. Locate a room to shelter inside. It should be:
   - An interior room;
   - Above ground level; and
   - Without windows or with the least number of windows. If there is a large group of people inside a particular building, several rooms maybe necessary.

3. Shut and lock all windows (tighter seal) and close exterior doors.

4. Turn off air conditioners, heaters, and fans.

5. Close vents to ventilation systems as you are able. (University staff will turn off the ventilation as quickly as possible.)

6. Make a list of the people with you and ask someone (hall staff, faculty, or other staff) to call the list in to UPD so they know where you are sheltering. If only students are present, one of the students should call in the list.

7. Turn on a radio or TV and listen for further instructions.

8. Make yourself comfortable.

General information about the emergency response and evacuation procedures for UAPB are publicized each year as part of the institution’s Clery Act compliance efforts, and that information is available on the UAPB website at:

AlertUAPB (Rave Emergency Notification System and Procedures)
The UAPB has partnered with Rave Mobile Safety to provide the AlertUAPB emergency notification system. AlertUAPB can rapidly provide mass notifications during natural disasters or other emergencies taking place on campus. AlertUAPB uses an opt-in method of registration to provide faculty, staff and enrolled students with voice, text, and email notifications. All students and employees must register for AlertUAPB at the time of enrollment or employment. Individuals have the opportunity to opt-out of receiving text and/or voice alerts at any time. (Note: Cellular phone providers may charge a per-text message fee for the delivery of emergency notification.) The UAPB alert system is updated and purged each Fall/Spring semester by the UAPB Technical Services Department to ensure accuracy in the delivery of alerts to all currently enrolled students and employees. Face to face communication may be used if appropriate for the situation.

AlertUAPB may be activated in the event of an immediate threat to the UAPB and UAPB-DARS (NLR) campus community. University Police, in consultation with the Chancellor or designee, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and the site coordinator for UAPB-DARS (NLR) will determine if an emergency notification is necessary. University Police, (sometimes in conjunction with local first responders and/or the national weather center), Student Health Services, Maintenance, Residential Life, Athletics, and Dean of Students are the departments generally responsible for
confirming that a significant emergency or dangerous situation exists on campus. The types of incidents that may cause an immediate threat to the community could include, but are not limited to, emergencies such as: inclement weather, an active shooter on campus, a hostage/barricade situation, a riot, a suspicious package with confirmation of a device, a tornado, a fire/explosion, a suspicious death, structural damage to University owned or controlled facility, a biological threat (anthrax, etc.), significant flooding, a gas leak, a hazardous materials spill, etc.

In the event of an emergency, UAPB will initiate and provide, without delay, immediate notifications to the appropriate segment(s) of the University community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students, or employees occurring on campus.

Upon confirmation that a significant emergency or dangerous situation exists, the Chancellor or designee, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, site coordinator for UAPB-DARS (NLR), or Chief of University Police will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the AlertUAPB notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. These departments will also identify the appropriate segment of the community intended to receive the notification, if the threat is limited to a particular building or segment of the population.

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NOTE: In the event of inclement weather conditions, students and non-essential employees are not expected to place class or work attendance above personal safety. It is ultimately the individual employee and student’s responsibility to exercise judgment as to whether travel to or from work or school is appropriate for them at that time.

To assist in timely notification, pre-scripted emergency alerts have been developed and uploaded in AlertUAPB (e.g. Inclement Weather, Active Shooter, Active Shooter All Clear, Tornado Warning, and Tornado Warning All Clear). The University will post updates and follow-up information during a critical incident on the UAPB website at: http://www.uapb.edu

The local news media may be utilized to disseminate emergency information to members of the larger community, including neighbors, parents and other interested parties. The larger community can also access emergency information via the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff homepage and/or social
media.

If there is an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus, an institution must follow its emergency notification procedures. An institution that follows its emergency notification procedures is not required to issue a timely warning based on the same circumstances; however, the institution must provide adequate follow-up information to the community as needed.

AlertUAPB provides the capability to alert the UAPB campus and the UAPB-NLR campus separately or simultaneously.

- ALL USERS (which includes all employees and students at the UAPB campus)
- North Little Rock Campus

Bi-weekly, a police official conducts a test of the AlertUAPB.

- UAPB Campus and – University Police Official
- North Little Rock Campus – University Police Official

This practice is designed to ensure that all University Police Officials can successfully navigate the AlertUAPB dashboard in a timely manner to successfully initiate the alert during an actual emergency.

Each semester University Police conducts an ALL USERS email test of AlertUAPB. In the fall semester the test is announced in advance to the entire campus community and is unannounced in the spring semester. Both tests provide faculty, staff and students an opportunity to verify enrollment for AlertUAPB by receipt of a text, email and/or voice message and also register for AlertUAPB.

Additionally, in the event the institution should ever experience an emergency or face an imminent emergency requiring key personnel to communicate simultaneously, UAPB alert system has the capability to broadcast group messages to first responders and the crisis management team. The crisis management team consists of the following: (Chancellor or designee., Provost, VC Finance and Administration, VC for Enrollment Management, VC for Student Affairs, VC Advancement, Chief of Staff, Director of Athletics, Site Manager for UAPB-DARS (NLR), Dean of Students, Chief of University Police, Director Student Health Services, Director Media Services, Director Information Technology, and Director Maintenance).

Information regarding the response and notification policies will be distributed to faculty and staff during annual meetings and to students during orientation sessions.

**EyeWitness (Rave Guardian Anonymous Reporting System)**

The Eyewitness solution of Rave Guardian offers anonymous text-based crime tips, which enhances the campus watch by offering faculty, staff and enrolled students (tipsters) absolute anonymity. To submit a tip, please register for AlertUAPB, and download Rave Guardian to submit a tip.

**Video Surveillance**

Numerous video surveillance cameras are located in common areas throughout the UAPB campus. These include cameras at entryways and parking lots of many residence halls and other student
complexes. The cameras are monitored and recorded digitally to help enhance safety for students, faculty, and staff while on our campus. The system is set up in common areas across the campus and has both indoor/outdoor cameras that are often vandal proof and infrared.

The University gives consideration to a reasonable expectation of privacy at every camera location on campus. Typically, cameras are installed in pedestrian throughways, building egresses, parking lots, and facilities. Cameras are only installed where an individual’s expectation of privacy is generally limited.

**Emergency Blue Light Phones**

Emergency Blue Light Phones are located throughout the UAPB campus. The Blue Light Phones provide assistance, and protective and safety services to the campus community on a 24/7/365 basis. When used, the telephones are immediately connected to University Police. The phones are equipped with a speakerphone and blue light. The phones are to be used by faculty, staff, students, or visitors experiencing any problems and in need of assistance. The University maintains a proactive stance for campus safety.

**Security and Access to Campus Facilities (Including Security Considerations in Campus Maintenance)**

The UAPB has on-campus police 24 hours a day 7 days a week. University facilities are open and accessible during normal business hours and into the evening hours for night classes. The buildings are accessible to members of the community and visitors. Tours may be scheduled through the Office of Admissions. Visitor parking is allowed in visitor parking areas only, temporary permit must be obtained to park in this area. To obtain parking permission, please call University Police at 870-575-8102. Administrative buildings are typically closed and locked at 5:00 p.m. Academic facilities are locked after the last class scheduled in the facility. Service buildings (i.e., library, university center) are open during posted hours.

Some facilities have varied hours at different times of the year. In these cases, the facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the department responsible for the facility. Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules. University Police conducts daily security patrols of the inside of buildings as well as the exterior areas, including residential halls, to verify that all facilities on campus are secured.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. Every effort is made to ensure that all residence halls are free from uninvited guests. University Housing uses camera and video surveillance in the public areas of the residence halls to identify parties responsible for damages, vandalism, and any other violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Visitation hours for all residence halls, including the Johnny B. Johnson Housing Complex have limited visitation hours from Sunday through Thursday; 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 5:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. All freshmen living in residence halls have curfew hours, Sunday thru Thursday 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 2:00 a.m. For added security, a resident assistant is on duty in each of the residence halls during visitation hours and all visitors must check in at the desk and leave a picture ID.

Over extended breaks, the doors of residence halls will be secured around the clock, and will be equipped with a lock separate from the regular key issued to resident students. UAPB is committed to campus safety and security, thus security considerations are used in the maintenance of campus facilities. Exterior lighting and landscape control is a critical part of the
commitment. The Facilities Management maintains the University buildings and grounds, including lighting, walks, roadways, and landscaping, and conducts routine checks of lighting on campus. University Police officers regularly patrol campus and report any deficient lighting (such as dim, obstructed, or non-operational) or other unsafe facility conditions to the Facilities Management at 575-8831.

**Campus Safety Escort**

Campus Safety Escort is a Pilot Program, providing campus escort services for anyone who feels unsafe walking alone on campus at night. Campus Safety Escort services will be implemented as a part of additional security services and will be provided by University Police and designated CSA personnel free of charge. This service will be available to all members of the University community. Simply call University Police at 575-8102 and University Police and/or CSA will meet and escort you to the desired campus location.

**Protection of Minors on Campus**

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is committed to a safe and secure environment for all its faculty, staff, students, and visitors, including minor-aged children who participate in programs that may be connected with the University.

Further, The Child Maltreatment Act 12-12-501 and Act 6-61-133 requires mandated reporting by University employees or volunteers. Mandated reporting includes programs, camps, or activities that involve minor-aged children that University units operate, host, or permit third parties to use University facilities. This law also prohibits any person from requiring prior permission, or prohibiting a person from, making a report of suspected child maltreatment. A person, acting in good faith, who makes a report of suspected maltreatment, is immune to civil or criminal liability for making the report. The University prohibits retaliation against any person who makes a good faith report of child maltreatment.

The University makes training available regarding child maltreatment and mandated reporters. The free web-based training for mandated reporters of child abuse is available at: [www.ar.mandatedreporter.org](http://www.ar.mandatedreporter.org). All summer programs, camps, or activities that involve minor-age children provide child maltreatment training to employees, volunteers, and students who interact with minors and assure that persons involved in the conduct of camps/institutes have undergone criminal background checks (including registered sex offender checks). Units that operate facilities or locations that are frequented by minors and where inappropriate interactions could occur determine whether additional measures are needed. Failure to report suspected child maltreatment by a mandated reporter may have civil and/or criminal consequences.

The following steps will be taken if any University employee or volunteer reasonably suspects or observes child maltreatment.

1. Immediately report the suspected maltreatment to the Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-482-5964). The hotline is manned 24/7 by a team of operators.

2. Report the suspected child maltreatment to University Police at 575-8102 (emergency number). University Police will coordinate with local and state official law enforcement and will notify appropriate University personnel.
Security Awareness, Crime Prevention, and Educational Programs
The Division of Student Affairs conducts regular educational programs on drug and alcohol abuse throughout each academic year. The Student Affairs Office and University Police distributes information regarding security awareness to students and personnel on procedures for reporting criminal actions, policies concerning campus security, criminal and drug enforcement policies, crime prevention, and statistics concerning criminal activities on campus.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training is conducted annually in October and Sexual Assault Awareness Training is conducted annually in the April semester. All trainings and educational programs are available for faculty, staff, and students. During 2019, UAPB offered three crime prevention and security awareness programs. Topics such as personal safety, residence hall security, drug and alcohol abuse awareness and sexual assault prevention are some examples of programs offered during the prior academic year.

Specifically, the University offered the following primary prevention and awareness programs through Safecollege in 2019:

- Active Shooter
- Clery Act Overview
- Drug Awareness and Abuse
- Drug Free Workplace
- Title IX and Sexual Misconduct
- Title VI Overview
- Campus SaVE Act for Employees
- Sexual Violence Awareness
- Discrimination Awareness in the Workplace
- Sexual Harassment: Staff-to-Staff
- Intimate Partner Violence (VAWA)

Crime prevention programs are conducted in the residence halls under the direction of the Office of Residential Life. Video and PowerPoint presentations outline ways to maintain personal safety and residence hall security. A common theme of all security awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others. In addition to seminars, information is disseminated to students and employees through crime prevention awareness packets, security alert posters, displays, videos, and articles or advertisements in the university newspaper. University Police will compile campus crime statistics and these statistics will be distributed annually to all students and staff. When time is of the essence, information about potentially dangerous situations will be released to the university community through security alerts posted throughout campus, through computer memos sent over the university’s electronic mail system and/or voice mail broadcasting system.

UAPB strives to inform campus community about safety procedures and a common theme during security awareness programs is to encourage the campus community to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.
Behavior Intervention Team (BIT)
The UAPB is committed to the health and safety of its faculty/staff/students and to maintaining a safe and efficient workplace. Safety and security concerns are managed with both employee/student safety and student success as primary goals.

The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) is designed to assist faculty, staff, and administration with students facing high levels of distress in their lives and those with behavior problems. The Behavioral Intervention Team is not an administrative, treatment or disciplinary body. It does not adjudicate, discipline, or impose sanctions against any member of the campus. In an effort to respond to the safety needs of the campus, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Office of Dean of Student Life has established the Behavioral Invention Team.

The Behavioral Intervention Plan was developed in accordance with the College and University Behavioral Intervention Team (CUBIT) model that was introduced by the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management (NCHERM).

BIT will assist in helping keep the university community safe and connect distressed students to available support services and present various seminars to students that have been disciplined through the student judicial process. BIT primary goal seeks to act preventively versus reactionary to students in distress. Faculty, staff and students that become concerned about a student displaying mild to moderate levels of distress, are encouraged to fill out a Person of Concern Report and submit it to the Director of Counseling Services. For convenience, the Person of Concern Report form may be found at: http://www.uapb.edu/sites/www/Uploads/Stud-Life/University%20of%20Arkansas%20at%20Pine%20Bluff%20Behavioral%20Observation%20Report%20Form.pdf.

NOTE: The committee is not intended to address random conduct matters that occur in the classroom but a consistent behavior problem/pattern that is noticeable in a student.

JEANNE CLERY DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY AND CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

UAPB prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking (as defined by the Clery Act) and reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a campus environment that emphasizes the dignity and worth of all members of the university community. Toward that end, UAPB issues this statement of policy to inform the campus community of our programs to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as well as the procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, which will be followed regardless of whether the incident occurs on or off campus when it is reported to a University official.
1.3 TITLE IX POLICY FOR COMPLAINTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

1.3.1 **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION UNDER TITLE IX**

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs and activities that it operates and is prohibited from doing so by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., and the U.S. Department of Education’s implementing regulations, 34 CFR Part 106. The University’s nondiscrimination policy extends to admission, employment, and other programs and activities. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106 may be sent to the University’s Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, or both.

**JURISDICTION AND SCOPE**

Sexual harassment as defined in this policy (including sexual assault) is a form of sex discrimination and is prohibited. Title IX requires the University to promptly and reasonably respond to sexual harassment in the University’s education programs and activities, provided that the harassment was perpetrated against a person in the United States. At the time that a formal complaint is filed, the complainant must be participating in (or attempting to participate in) an education program or activity of the University. An education program or activity includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the University exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs, and also includes any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by a postsecondary institution.

This policy applies to allegations and complaints of sexual harassment, as defined herein. All other complaints of discrimination or misconduct that do not fall within the jurisdiction of Title IX may be made through other campus procedures.

This policy shall not be construed or applied to restrict academic freedom at the University. Further, it shall not be construed to restrict any rights protected under the First Amendment, the Due Process Clause, or any other constitutional provisions. This policy also does not limit an employee’s rights under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

1.4 **REPORTING**

All complaints or reports about sex discrimination (including sexual harassment) should be submitted to the Title IX Coordinator:

All complaints or concerns about conduct that may violate this policy should be submitted to:

Title IX Coordinator | For Students Deputy
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University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff | Title IX Coordinator
Office of Affirmative Action | Office of Dean of Student Life
Administration Building, Room 201 | Caldwell Hall, Room 201
P: 870.575.8400 or F#: 870.575.4653/465 | P: 870-575-8361 or F#: 870-575-4652
e-mail: affirmation@uapb.edu | e-mail: dsl@uapb.edu

If you have a Title IX complaint or would like to report a Title IX incident, students are encouraged to visit [https://uapb-advocate.symplicity.com/titleix_report/](https://uapb-advocate.symplicity.com/titleix_report/) to fill out the complaint form.
In addition, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, may be contacted by phone at 800-421-3481 or by email at ocr@ed.gov.

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed above, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person’s verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours) by using the telephone number or electronic mail address, or by mail to the office address, listed for the Title IX Coordinator.

**AMNESTY**

The University encourages reporting of incidents of prohibited conduct and seeks to remove any barriers to reporting. The University recognizes that an individual who has been drinking or using drugs at the time of an incident may be hesitant to make a report because of potential consequences for their own conduct. Individuals who report prohibited conduct or participate as witnesses will not be subject to disciplinary sanctions for personal consumption of alcohol and/or other substances.

The University may initiate an educational discussion with individuals about their alcohol and/or drug use or may direct these individuals to services such as counseling for alcohol and/or drug use. Amnesty will not be extended for any violations of University policy other than alcohol/drug use. The use of alcohol, drugs, and/or legally prescribed medication does not justify or excuse behavior that constitutes prohibited conduct under this policy.

**FILING REPORT WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

In some instances, sexual harassment may constitute both a violation of this policy and criminal activity. The University grievance process is not a substitute for instituting legal action. The University encourages individuals to report alleged sexual misconduct promptly to campus officials AND to law enforcement authorities, where appropriate. Individuals may file a report directly with local law enforcement agencies by dialing 911. Individuals may also contact any of the following for assistance in filing a report with local law enforcement:
PRESERVING EVIDENCE

It is important that evidence of sexual assault be preserved, because it may be needed for prosecuting a criminal case. Victims and others should not alter the scene of an attack. The victim should not change clothes, bathe or shower, drink or eat anything, or brush his or her teeth before reporting the assault. Any items worn by the victim during the assault, but are not currently being worn, and any materials encountered during the assault (i.e., bed sheets, blankets, etc.) should be placed in a paper bag and brought along with the victim to a local hospital emergency department that has kits to collect and preserve evidence of sexual assault.

EMPLOYEES’ DUTY TO REPORT TO TITLE IX COORDINATOR

In order to enable the University to respond effectively and to proactively stop instances of sexual harassment, employees must, within 24 hours of receiving information regarding a potential violation of this policy, report information to the Title IX Coordinator. Any employee who fails to promptly report a matter to the Title IX Coordinator may be subjected to disciplinary action for failing to do so. There are two categories of employees who are exempt from this requirement: (1) licensed health-care professionals and other employees who are statutorily prohibited from reporting such information and (2) persons designated by the campus as victim advocates.

OFF-CAMPUS CONDUCT

Conduct that occurs off campus that is the subject of a formal complaint or report will be evaluated to determine whether the matter falls within the University’s jurisdiction under Title IX or should be referred to a different department or official within the University.

UNIVERSITY POLICE
1900 REEKER STREET
PINE BLUFF, AR 71601
870-575-8102

DEPT. PINE BLUFF POLICE
200 EAST 8TH AVENUE
PINE BLUFF, AR 71601
870-543-5100

DEPT. JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF
101 EAST BARRAQUE STREET
PINE BLUFF, AR 7161
870-541-5351

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE
6816 PRINCETON PIKE
PINE BLUFF, AR 71602
501-758-1234

NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE
200 WEST PERCHING
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72114
501-758-1234

CONFIDENTIALITY

Except as compelled by law or as required to conduct a full and fair grievance proceeding in response to a formal complaint, the University will treat the information obtained or produced as part of the Title IX procedures as confidential. The University will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, or FERPA.
regulations, 34 CFR Part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 CFR Part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceedings arising thereunder.

AVAILABILITY OF COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY
Counseling and other mental health services for victims of sexual assault are available on campus and in the community. Students and employees may use the Health Services Center or Student Counseling, Assessment and Development Center. Employees of the University may be able to seek help through the Employee Assistance Program. Community mental health agencies, such as the Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Healthcare Mental Health Facility and counselors and psychotherapists in private practice in the area, can provide individual and group therapy. Additionally, counselors and psychotherapists in private practice in the area can provide individual and group therapy. Coalition Against Spouse Abuse (CASA), Women’s Shelter or Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Programs may assist with making referrals for individual counseling and support groups and in identifying non-counseling campus and community resources that may be of additional help and serve as a victim advocate upon request.
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• Psycho-social support                                                                 | Student Counseling, Assessment and Development Center.                             | Caldwell 106  
(870) 575-8969               |
| Health                   | Medical                                                                                   | Health Services                                                                    | Brownie Infirmary  
870-575-7105                |
| Mental Health            | • Providing effective counseling  
• Psycho-social support                                                                   | Student Counseling, Assessment and Development Center.                             | Caldwell 106  
(870) 575-8969               |
| Victim Advocacy          | NA                                                                                        | NA                                                                                | NA                           |
| Legal Assistance         | NA                                                                                        | NA                                                                                | NA                           |
| Visa and Immigration     | Counseling Support                                                                       | Office of International Studies                                                    | Holiday Hall Lobby  
(870) 575-8545               |
| Assistance               | NA                                                                                        | NA                                                                                | NA                           |
| Student Financial Aid    | Satisfaction Academic Progress financial consideration for students that have been victimize | Office of Student Financial Services                                               | Caldwell Hall 101  
(870) 575-8302               |
| Other                    | NA                                                                                        | NA                                                                                | NA                           |
|                          | **OFF CAMPUS**                                                                            | **Type of Services Available**                                                     | **Service Provider**        | **Contact Information**     |
| Counseling               | • Screenings  
• Drug Testing;  
• Evaluations  
• Outpatient Treatment                                                            | Jefferson Comprehensive Counseling Associates, Inc.                                | 2304 West 29th Avenue  
Suite 1&2  
Pine Bluff, AR 71603  
(870) 247-5222               |
| Health                   | • Psychiatric Services  
• Heart & Vascular Care (Cardiology) Digestive Care (G.I. Services)  
• Pediatrics General Surgery  
• Women’s Health  
• Orthopedics & Spine Pain Management  
• Rehabilitation & Therapy             | Jefferson Regional Medical Center                                                  | 1600 W. 40th Ave.  
Pine Bluff, AR 71603  
(870) 541-7100               |
| Counseling               | • Screenings                                                                              | Jefferson Comprehensive Counseling                                                  | 1100 N. University Ave.  
Suite 262  
Little Rock, Ar. 72207     |
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<td>An Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) where men and women make a 6-month rehabilitation commitment to live and work at the ARC residence.</td>
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<td>Salvation Army 501 E 12th Ave, Pine Bluff, AR 71601 Phone: (870) 534-0504</td>
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<td>Legal Assistance</td>
<td>Domestic Assistance</td>
<td>Victim Witness Assistance</td>
<td>101 East Barraque Street Pine Bluff, AR71601 870-541-5386</td>
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See list below for identifying non-counseling campus and community
resources that may be of additional help and serve as a victim advocate upon request.

Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault Toll Free  
1-866-63-ACASA (22272)

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence 800-799-SAFE  
Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: 866-331-9474

National Sexual Assault Hotline  
1-800-656-HOPE

National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence Web:  
www.ncdsv.org

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Web:  
www.ncadv.org

National Center for Victims of Crime Web:  
www.ncvc.org

National Sexual Violence Resource Center  
www.nsvrc.org

Rape Abuse Incest National Network (RAINN)  
www.rainn.org

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS

The University’s Title IX Coordinator is responsible for planning and coordinating campus education and awareness programs about all forms of sexual harassment. Programs are presented regularly throughout the academic year in residence halls, fraternities, sororities, and for other student organizations, academic classes, employee training, and professional development, and in other settings that are likely to reach people throughout the campus community. Campus-wide education and awareness activities are also conducted during Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Week.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

These procedures apply to all grievances regarding conduct that may constitute sexual harassment as defined in this policy (including sexual assault), and that falls within the University’s Title IX jurisdiction. All other grievances by students, employees, or third parties shall be addressed through other procedures. The University’s Title IX grievance process includes formal and informal procedures that encourage prompt resolution of complaints. In most cases, the complainant’s submission of a formal, written complaint to the Title IX Coordinator will initiate the formal grievance process. However, the Title IX Coordinator may also submit a formal complaint under the circumstances described below. The University will respond promptly to all formal complaints of sexual harassment.
**BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

The University’s grievance process shall adhere to the following principles:

- All relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence—will be evaluated.
- Credibility determinations may not be based on a person’s status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.
- The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, hearing panel members, decision-makers on appeal, persons involved with the informal resolution, and any other persons that play a significant role in the Title IX grievance process shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or for or against an individual complainant or respondent.
- The respondent is presumed to not be responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination of responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.
- The time frames for concluding the grievance process shall be reasonably prompt, as set forth in more detail in the procedures below.
- The grievance process may be temporarily delayed, and limited extensions of time frames may be granted, for good cause. In such instances, written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action will be provided. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party’s advisor, or a witness; concurring law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodations of disabilities.
- Questions or evidence that constitute or seek disclosure of information protected under a legally recognized privilege will not be required, allowed, relied upon, or otherwise used. The University shall not consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party’s records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional’s or paraprofessional’s capacity or assisting in the capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the University obtains that person’s voluntary, written consent to do so for a grievance under this section.
- No party shall be restricted from discussing the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence.
- A party whose participation in a hearing, investigative interview, or other meeting shall be provided with a written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate.

**INITIAL REPORT/INTAKE PROCESS**

*Initial Meeting with Complainant:* Promptly upon receiving a report of conduct that could potentially be a violation of Title IX, the Title IX Coordinator (or designee) will contact the complainant to schedule an initial meeting to, as applicable:

- Provide a copy of this policy
- Explain the process for filing a formal complaint and provide a copy of the Sexual Harassment Complaint Form on which the complainant may if he or she agrees to disclose the information, provide details regarding the allegation, including the name of the accused individual and the date, location, and general nature of the alleged violation of policy
- Explain avenues for resolution, including informal and formal
- Explain the steps involved in an investigation and hearing under this policy
- Discuss confidentiality standards and concerns
- Refer to law enforcement, counseling, medical, academic or other resources, as appropriate
- Discuss, as appropriate, possible supportive measures, which are available with or without the filing of a formal complaint

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If the complainant requests that no further action be taken and/or that no formal complaint be pursued, the Title IX Coordinator (and/or his or her designee) will inform the complainant that retaliation is prohibited and that honoring the complainant's request may limit the University’s ability to fully respond to the incident. In the event the complainant stands firm on his or her request that no further action be taken, the Title IX Coordinator will evaluate whether to file a complaint under the criteria set forth below.

**FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCESS**

**Form and Filing of Complaint:** The filing of a formal, written complaint initiates the formal grievance process and is available to any person who is participating in (or attempting to participate in) a University educational program or activity. The Title IX Coordinator (or an investigator designated by the Title IX Coordinator) will investigate the allegations in the formal complaint. Formal complaints can be filed in several ways. The complainant may utilize the form provided or may submit the complainant’s own document that contains the complainant’s signature (either physical or digital) and is filed with the University’s Title IX Office by U.S. mail, in person, through the Title IX portal provided for this purpose, or by email. The formal complaint should set forth the allegations and request that the Title IX Office investigate the matter.

**Filing by Title IX Coordinator:** The Title IX Coordinator may initiate the grievance process, even where the complainant declines to file a formal complaint, if the Coordinator determines that the particular circumstances require the University to formally respond to and address the allegations. Circumstances to be considered include, among others, a pattern of alleged misconduct by a respondent and whether the complaint has alleged use of violence, weapons, or other similar conduct. The Title IX Coordinator will also consider the complainant’s wishes with respect to supportive measures and desired response by the University. Where a report is made anonymously and the Title IX Coordinator files the complaint, both the complainant and respondent will receive notice of the allegations with written details and identities of the parties if known.

**Consolidation of Formal Complaints:** The Title IX Coordinator may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

**Dismissal of Complaint Prior to Resolution:** A formal complaint must be dismissed by the Title IX Coordinator if the alleged conduct (1) does not constitute sexual harassment, as defined in this policy, even if proved; (2) did not occur in the University’s education program or activity; or (3) did not occur against a person in the United States. In addition, a complaint may be dismissed if, at any time during the investigation or hearing, a complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein; the respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the recipient, or specific circumstances prevent the gathering of evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or any allegations therein.

Upon dismissal of a formal complaint, for any reason, the Title IX Coordinator will send simultaneous, written notice of and reason(s) for the dismissal to the parties. The dismissal decision may be appealed pursuant to the procedure for appeals set forth in this policy. Dismissal of a complaint under this Title IX policy does not preclude a complainant from pursuing a grievance through other appropriate campus procedures.

**Notice of Formal Complaint:** Upon receipt of the formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will send simultaneous notifications of the filing of the complaint to the complainant and the respondent (if known). If, in the course of an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the initial notice, the Title IX Coordinator will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known. The initial notice will contain the following:

- The allegations of the complaint that potentially constitute sexual harassment, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview (including the
identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment under this policy, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known)

- A copy of the Title IX policy
- A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process
- A statement informing the parties that they have a right to have one advisor of their choice to assist them throughout the proceedings who may be (but is not required to be) an attorney
- A statement that the parties have the right to inspect and review all evidence collected during the complaint process
- A statement that any party who knowingly makes false statements or submits false information during the grievance process will be subject to disciplinary procedures

**Initial Meeting with Respondent:** If a formal complaint is filed, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly schedule an initial meeting with the respondent after the written notice of the formal complaint is sent as described above. Prior to the initial meeting, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide a written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of the meeting, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate. During the initial meeting with the respondent, the Title IX Coordinator (or designee) will, as applicable:

- Provide a copy of this policy (if not previously provided)
- Explain avenues for resolution, including informal and formal
- Explain the steps involved in an investigation and hearing under this policy
- Discuss confidentiality standards and concerns
- Discuss non-retaliation requirements
- Inform of any supportive measures already determined and being provided to the complainant that would directly affect the respondent
- Refer to law enforcement, counseling, medical, academic or other resources, as appropriate
- Discuss, as appropriate, possible supportive measures that can be provided to the respondent

**Right to Advisor:** Both parties will be advised that they may be accompanied by one advisor/support person to assist them throughout the Title IX process, which can be (but is not required to be) an attorney. The advisor is not allowed to speak or otherwise actively participate during the pre-hearing interviews or meetings. It is the party’s responsibility to obtain the services of an advisor, except that the University will make an advisor available to the parties during the hearing to determine responsibility upon request. A party who wants the University to provide an advisor for the determination hearing should make a request within 15 days after the party’s filing or receipt of the formal complaint. The advisor’s role at the hearing is further explained below.

**Emergency Removal:** If, after the Behavioral Intervention Team undertakes a safety and risk analysis, the University determines that the respondent poses an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment, it may remove the respondent from the University’s programs or activities. In such instances, the respondent will be provided with a written notice of the reasons for the removal. Within 5 of receiving the notice, the respondent may challenge the decision by requesting a meeting with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

**Administrative leave:** Nothing in this policy precludes the University from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of the grievance process.

**Supportive Measures:** Supportive measures, as defined in this policy, will be based on the facts and circumstances of each situation. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures. They may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Counseling
- Extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments
- Modifications of work or class schedules
- Campus escort services
- Mutual restrictions on contact between the parties
- Changes in working or housing locations
- Leaves of absence
- Increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus

The University will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the University to provide the supportive measures.

**Informal Resolution:** At any time after a formal written complaint is filed, but prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the University may facilitate a resolution without a full investigation and adjudication. The complainant and respondent must give their voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process. The informal resolution process will not be utilized to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

Prior to commencing the informal resolution process, the Title IX Coordinator or designee must provide the parties a written notice that includes the following information:
- Notice of the allegations contained in the formal complaint, including dates, location(s), and identities of the parties
- Any agreed upon resolution reached at the conclusion of the informal complaint process will preclude the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations
- At any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint
- Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared

**COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION**

If resolution of the allegations does not proceed through the informal process, the matter will proceed with a comprehensive investigation and resolution through the formal complaint processes. The Title IX Coordinator will be responsible for overseeing the prompt, equitable, and impartial investigation during the formal complaint process. The burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility shall rest on the University and not the parties.

**Assignment of Investigator:** If the Title IX Coordinator’s designee is to conduct the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator will forward the complaint to the investigator and share the investigator’s name and contact information with the complainant and the respondent.

**Conflicts of Interest and Bias:** Immediately after the identity of the person who will conduct the investigation is determined and communicated to the parties, the investigator, the complainant, or the respondent may identify to the Title IX Coordinator in writing any real or perceived conflicts of interest or bias that the person charged with conducting the investigation (including the Title IX coordinator, where applicable) may have. The Title IX Coordinator will carefully consider such statements and will assign a different individual as investigator if it is determined that a material conflict of interest or bias exists.

**Overview of Investigation:** Upon receipt of the formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator/Investigator will promptly begin the investigation, which shall include but is not limited to the following:
- Conducting interviews with the complainant, the respondent, and any witnesses (including expert witnesses, where applicable) and summarizing such interviews in written form
- Visiting, inspecting, and taking photographs at relevant sites
- Where applicable, collecting and preserving relevant evidence (in cases of corresponding criminal reports, this step may be coordinated with law enforcement agencies)
- Obtaining any relevant medical records pertaining to treatment of the complainant, provided that the complainant has voluntarily authorized release of the records in writing to the investigator

**Inspection and Access to Evidence:** The parties may identify to the Investigator any evidence or witnesses they wish to be included as part of the investigation. Both parties will also have equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained during the investigation. The Investigator will complete the gathering of evidence as soon as practicable, which will ordinarily occur within approximately 30 days after the filing of the formal complaint.

After the gathering of evidence has been completed but prior to completion of the investigative report, the Investigator will provide to each party and party’s advisor, if any, any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the University does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence (whether obtained from a party or other source), so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to the conclusion of the investigation. The evidence will be provided in an electronic format or a hard copy. The parties will have 10 calendar days to submit a written response to the evidence, which will be considered by the Investigator prior to completion of the investigative report. The evidence will be made available for the parties to use at the hearing to determine responsibility.

**Investigative Report:** The investigative report shall fairly summarize the relevant evidence and must include the following items and information that is relevant to the allegations in the formal complaint:
- The dates of the Title IX Coordinator’s initial receipt of a report of alleged sexual harassment against the complainant, intake meeting, and the filing of the formal complaint
- A statement of the allegation(s), a description of the incident(s), the date(s) and time(s) (if known), and location of the alleged incident(s)
- The names of all known witnesses to the alleged incident(s)
- The dates that the complainant, respondent, and other witnesses were interviewed, along with Summaries of the interviews
- Descriptions or summaries of any physical or documentary evidence that was obtained (e.g., text messages, emails, surveillance video footage, photographs)
- Any written statements of the complainant, respondent, or other witnesses
- The response of University personnel and, if applicable, University-level officials, including any supportive measures taken with respect to the complainant and respondent

The Investigator shall provide a draft of the investigative report to the Title IX Coordinator for review before the report becomes final. An electronic or hard-copy version of the final investigative report will be provided to each party (and each party’s advisor) concurrently. The investigative report shall be provided as soon as practicable after the parties have submitted their written responses to the evidence (if any) and at least 10 calendar days prior to the determination hearing. The parties may provide a written response to the investigative report within 5 days after receiving it.

**DETERMINATION HEARING**

Following the conclusion and distribution of the investigative report, a hearing will be conducted to determine the outcome and resolution of the complaint. The parties and their advisors, if any, will be notified by the Hearing Panel chairperson, or Title IX Coordinator of the date, time, and location of the hearing, as set forth in the notice provisions below.

**Hearing Panel:** Within 3 days of the release of the investigative report to the parties, the Chancellor or his/her designee will appoint a three-member Hearing Panel, which shall be composed of at least 2 faculty and/or staff members and may include one outside person who is not permanently employed by the University. The Chancellor
or his/her designee will select one member of the Hearing Panel to act as the Chair. The Title IX Coordinator will provide a copy of the formal complaint and the investigative report, along with the parties’ written responses to the investigative report, to each member of the Hearing Panel.

Promptly after the appointment of the members of the Hearing Panel, the Title IX Coordinator will provide concurrent written notice to the complainant and the respondent, setting forth the names of the individuals selected to serve as members of the Hearing Panel. The parties may challenge the participation of any decision-maker based on bias or a conflict of interest by submitting a written objection to the Chancellor or his/her designee within 3 calendar days of receipt of the notice. Any objection must state the specific reason(s) for the objection. The Chancellor or his/her designee will evaluate the objection and determine whether to alter the composition of the Hearing Panel. Failure to submit a timely and proper objection will constitute a waiver of the objection. Any changes in the Hearing Panel will be provided in writing to both parties prior to the date of the hearing.

Submission of Witnesses Lists: Within 5 calendar days of receipt of the notice of the Hearing Panel, both parties may provide to the Chair of the Hearing Panel a list of witnesses, if any, that they propose be called to testify and a brief description of each proposed witness’s connection to and/or knowledge of the issues in dispute. Absent good cause, a party cannot include a witness on the party’s pre-hearing witness list unless the witness was identified during the investigation. The Hearing Panel reserves the right to call relevant witnesses who may not have been included on a party’s witness list.

Notice of the Hearing: Not less than 5 days but not more than 10 days after delivery of the notice of the initial composition of the Hearing Panel, the Chair of the Hearing Panel will provide a separate notice to the complainant, respondent, and any other witnesses whose testimony the Hearing Panel deems relevant, requesting such individuals to appear at the hearing to determine responsibility. The notice should set forth the date, time, and location for the individual’s requested presence. The Hearing Panel shall provide, in its notice to the parties, the names of the witnesses that the Hearing Panel plans to call. The hearing shall be conducted promptly but no sooner than 10 calendar days after release of the investigative report.

Failure to Appear: If any party fails to appear at the hearing if requested to do so, and such party was provided notice of the hearing as set forth above, then absent extenuating circumstances, the Hearing Panel will proceed to determine the resolution of the complaint. As explained below, if a party fails to appear, it is unlikely that the Hearing Panel will consider the non-appearing party’s version of events based on another source, such as the formal complaint or a prior statement.

Option for Virtual or Separate Presence: Live hearings may be conducted with either all parties present in the same geographic location or, at the University’s discretion, any or all parties and witnesses may appear at the live hearing virtually, with technology enabling participants simultaneously to see and hear each other. Either party may request not to be in the same room as the other party. If any party makes such a request, then both parties will be required to attend the hearing from a location or room different from where the Hearing Panel is sitting. If the hearing is virtual, or there is a request for separate rooms at a physical location, the University will ensure that all participants are able to simultaneously see and hear the party or witness answering questions. Instructions will be provided for accessibility prior to the hearing date.

Recordings: An audio or audio-visual recording will be created of the live hearing and will be made available for inspection and review at any party’s request.

Advisor’s Role at Hearing: The complainant and respondent may be accompanied by an advisor during the hearing to determine responsibility. A party must identify his or her advisor (if any) at least 5 days prior to the hearing. The advisor’s role at the hearing shall consist of (1) providing private advice to the party he/she is supporting and (2) questioning the opposing party and other witnesses. The advisor can be anyone, including an attorney. A party may arrange for the party’s advisor of choice to attend the hearing at the party’s own expense. Alternatively, the University will select and provide an advisor to assist a party at the hearing to determine
responsibility, without fee or charge, upon request. In either scenario, the advisor may only participate in the hearing to the extent allowed under this policy. A party who wants an advisor to be provided by the University should notify the Title IX Coordinator at least 15 days after the filing or receipt of the formal complaint.

Evidentiary Matters and Procedure: The parties, through their advisors, shall have an equal opportunity to question the opposing party and other witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and present other inculpatory or exculpatory evidence. Formal rules of evidence will not be observed during the hearing. The Hearing Panel will conduct the initial questioning of witnesses prior to the questioning by an advisor. The Chair of the Hearing Panel (acting alone or in consultation with other panelists) will make all determinations regarding the order of witnesses, relevancy of questions, and the evidence to be considered or excluded during the hearing and decision-making process. The Hearing Panel may, in its discretion, choose to call the Investigator for the purpose of providing an overview of the investigation and findings.

Witness Examinations by the Parties: Each party’s advisor is permitted to question the opposing party and the other witnesses, so long as the questions are relevant and not duplicative of the questions posed by the Hearing Panel. The questions may include challenges to credibility. No other questioning or speaking participation by an advisor will be allowed. A party may not examine a party or witness directly; rather, a party must utilize the services of an advisor for the purpose of posing questions to another party or witness. A party not represented by an advisor may, however, submit a list of proposed questions to the Chair of the Hearing Panel and ask that the questions be posed to the opposing party or witness.

The Chair of the Hearing Panel will make determinations regarding relevancy of questions before a party or witness answers. If a determination is made to exclude the question based on relevancy, the Hearing Panel Chair will provide an explanation of why the question was deemed irrelevant and excluded.

The Panel Chair may disallow the attendance of any advisor if, in the discretion of the Hearing Panel Chair, such person’s presence becomes disruptive or obstructive to the hearing or otherwise warrants removal. Advisors will not be permitted to badger or question the opposing party or any witness in an abusive or threatening manner. Absent accommodation for a disability, the parties may not be accompanied by any other individual during the hearing process except as set forth in this policy. University officials may seek advice from the University’s Office of General Counsel on questions of law, policy, and procedure at any time during the process.

Prior Sexual Conduct: Questions and evidence about the complainant’s sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant’s prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant’s prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent.

Refusal to submit to cross examination: If a party or witness does not submit to cross-examination at the live hearing, the decision-maker(s) must not rely on any statement of that party or witness in reaching a determination regarding responsibility; provided, however, that the decision-maker(s) cannot draw an inference about the determination of responsibility based solely on a party’s or witness’s absence from the live hearing or refusal to answer cross-examination or other questions.

Confidentiality and Disclosure. To comply with FERPA and Title IX and to provide an orderly process for the presentation and consideration of relevant information without undue intimidation or pressure, the grievance process is not open to the general public. Accordingly, documents prepared in anticipation of the hearing (including the formal complaint, investigative report, evidentiary materials, notices, and prehearing submissions), recordings of the hearing, and documents, testimony, or other information used at the hearing may not be disclosed outside of the hearing proceedings, except as may be required or authorized by law.
**Decision of the Hearing Panel and Standard of Evidence:** Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Panel will confer and determine whether the evidence establishes that it is more likely than not that the respondent committed a violation of this policy. In other words, the standard of proof will be the preponderance of the evidence. This standard applies to complaints against both students and employees. In reaching the determination, the Hearing Panel will objectively and thoroughly evaluate all relevant evidence, both inculpatory and exculpatory, and reach an independent decision, without deference to the investigative report. The Hearing Panel determination of responsibility shall be made by majority vote.

**Written Determination of Responsibility:** As soon as practicable following the hearing, the Hearing Panel Chair shall complete a report of the decision-maker's findings. The Hearing Panel Chair will send simultaneous notification of the decision to both parties and their advisors, where applicable, with the following information:

- Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment under the policy
- A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence and the hearing held
- Findings of fact that support the determination
- Conclusions regarding the application of the University’s conduct standards to the facts
- A statement and rationale for the result as to each allegation, including a determination as to responsibility using the preponderance of the evidence standard
- Any disciplinary sanctions imposed on respondent
- Whether any remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the University’s education program or activity will be provided to the complainant (description of remedies is not included)
- Procedures and permissible bases for the parties to appeal

**Sanctions:** If the Hearing Panel determines that more likely than not the respondent committed a violation of this policy, then the Hearing Panel will determine sanctions and give consideration to whether a given sanction will (a) bring an end to the violation in question, (b) reasonably prevent a recurrence of a similar violation, and (c) remedy the effects of the violation. Sanctions for a finding of responsibility will depend upon the nature and gravity of the misconduct, any record of prior discipline for a violation of this policy, or both. The range of potential sanctions is set forth in the definitions section of this policy.

Ordinarily, sanctions will not be imposed until the resolution of any timely appeal under this policy. However, if it is deemed necessary to protect the welfare of the victim or the University community, the Hearing Panel may recommend to the decision-maker on appeal that any sanctions be imposed immediately and continue in effect until such time as the appeal process is exhausted.
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**Remedies:** Where a determination is made that the respondent was responsible for sexual harassment, the Hearing Panel will determine any final remedies to be provided to the complainant, if any, and the Title IX Coordinator will communicate such decision to the complainant and the respondent to the extent that it affects him/her. Remedies must be provided in all instances in which a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent. Remedies must be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the University’s education program or activity. Such remedies may include the same individualized services described above as “supportive measures”; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

**No Retaliation:** The Title IX Coordinator will take steps to prevent any harassment of or retaliation against the complainant, the respondent, or third parties, such as informing them about how to report subsequent problems, following up with them to ensure that there are no subsequent problems, and providing training for the campus community.

**APPEALS**

**Procedure for Appeals:** Both the complainant and the respondent may appeal from the Hearing Panel’s determination. The appeal should be submitted in writing to the Title IX Coordinator within 5 days of receipt of the Hearing Panel’s decision. The Title IX Coordinator will forward the appeal to the Chancellor. The appeal will be decided based on the written record and without deference to the decision of the Hearing Panel.
The Chancellor will designate an Appeal Panel comprised of at least two faculty and/or staff members. One of the members of the Appeal Panel can be an outside person who is not an employee. The Chancellor shall designate one of the panelists as the Chair of the Appeal Panel. The Chair of the Appeal Panel shall make any decisions concerning appellate jurisdiction under the permissible grounds for appeal described below.

The party appealing may use the Appeal Form, or the party may submit his/her own written and signed document. Acceptable means of notification include email, facsimile, hand-delivered notification, or postal delivery. The Title IX Coordinator will promptly inform the other party of the appeal.

**Grounds for Appeal:** The appeal from the decision of the Hearing Panel must be for one of the following reasons: (1) a procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the decision; (2) there is new evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, and that could affect the outcome of the matter; (3) the Panel Member(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents in general or against an individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome.

**Responses:** Within 5 days of receipt of the appeal, the other party may submit a written statement in response to the appeal and which supports or challenges the dismissal or determination. The response should be submitted to the Title IX Coordinator, who shall provide a copy to the decision-maker and the appealing party.

**Decision on Appeal:** As soon as practicable after receiving the parties’ written submissions, the Appeal Panel will issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result. The decision on appeal may uphold the decision, modify it, or remand for further factual development. The decision-maker on appeal will concurrently notify the complainant and the respondent of the decision, with a written copy provided to the Title IX Coordinator.

**Employees:** All non-tenure track faculty and staff members of the University without term contracts are at-will employees who may be terminated at any time, with or without cause. With regard to such faculty and staff, nothing in this Policy shall create an expectation of continued employment with the University or be construed to prevent or delay the University from taking any disciplinary action deemed appropriate (including suspension and immediate termination of employment) for any violation of state law, federal law or University policy.

**TIME PERIODS**

The University will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the investigation and resolution of a complaint occurs in as timely and efficient a manner as possible.

Any party may request an extension of any deadline by providing the Title IX Coordinator or his or her respective deputies with a written request for an extension that includes reference to the duration of the proposed extension and the basis for the request.

The Title IX Coordinator may also modify timelines in cases where information is not clear, judged to be incomplete, relevant parties are not available for interview, absence of an advisor, concurrent law enforcement activity, the need for language assistance or disability accommodation and/or other circumstances that may arise.

**RETRALIATION PROHIBITED**

No person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R. Part 106, or this policy, or because an individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this part. Intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination, including changes against an individual for code of conduct violations that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment, but arise out of the same facts or circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or formal complaint of sex discrimination of harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R. Part 106, or this policy, constitutes retaliation. However, the exercise of
rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation.

FALSE REPORTS

Willfully making a false report of sexual harassment or submitting false information during these proceedings is a violation of University policy and is a serious offense. However, a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith. Any person who willfully makes or participates in making a false or frivolous report of discrimination, harassment, retaliation or sexual misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action. False reporting may also violate state criminal statutes and civil defamation laws.

EXTERNAL REPORTING AGENCIES

Although complainants are encouraged to resolve their grievances related to discrimination by utilizing this Complaint/Grievance Procedure, they may have the right to file a complaint directly with the following agencies. Individuals who wish to file complaints with these external agencies should make contact as soon as possible and verify any applicable time limits and deadlines.

Office of Civil Rights (OCR)
U.S. Department of Education
1999 Bryan St., Suite 1620
Dallas, TX 75201-6810
Toll Free: 1-800-421-3481
Telephone: 214-661-9600
Fax: 214-661-9587
Email: OCR.Dallas@ed.gov

NSF Grantees Only
National Science Foundation
Office of Diversity and Inclusion
2415 Eisenhower Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-292-8020
Fax: 703-292-9072
Email: programcomplaints@nsf.gov

EFFECTIVE DATE
The University reserves the right to make changes and amendments to this Policy as needed, with appropriate notice to the campus community. However, the Policy in force at the time that a Complaint is filed will be the Policy used throughout the investigation, hearing, and any appeals.

RETENTION OF RECORDS
For a period of at least seven years, the University will maintain the records of:
- Each sexual harassment investigation, including any determination regarding responsibility, any recordings or transcripts, disciplinary sanctions, and remedies provided to the complainant
- Any appeal and the result therefrom
- Any informal resolution and the result therefrom
- All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. These materials will be made publicly available on the University’s website.
• Records of any actions, including supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, along with documentation of the University’s bases for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent.

Documentation pertaining to terminations, expulsions, or educational sanctions may be retained indefinitely.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Complainant:** Any individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment. At the time of the filing of a formal complaint, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the recipient with which the formal complaint is filed. Any person may report sex discrimination, including harassment, whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of discrimination or harassment.

**Consent:** Consent is clear, knowing, and voluntary. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent can be given by words or actions, if those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity. If coercion, intimidation, threats, or physical force are used, there is no consent.

If a person is mentally or physically incapacitated so that the person cannot understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual situation, there is no consent. Incapacitation can be due to alcohol or drugs or being asleep or unconscious. This policy also covers incapacity due to mental disability, involuntary physical restraint, or from the taking of rape drugs. Possession, use and/or distribution of any of these substances, including Rohypnol, Ketamine, GHB, Brundage, etc. is prohibited, and administering one of these drugs to another person is a violation of this policy. More information on these drugs can be found at [http://www.911rape.org/](http://www.911rape.org/)

Use of alcohol or other drugs will never function as a defense to a violation of this policy. An individual violates this policy if the individual initiates and engages in sexual activity with someone who is incapacitated, and (1) the individual knew the other person was incapacitated, or (2) a sober reasonable person under similar circumstances as the person initiating the sexual activity would have known the other person was incapacitated.

There is also no consent when there is force, expressed or implied, or use of duress or deception upon the victim. Whether an individual has taken advantage of a position of influence over an alleged victim may be a factor in determining consent.

Force is the use of physical violence and/or imposing on someone physically to gain sexual access. Force also includes overt threats, implied threats, intimidation, and coercion that overcome resistance or produce consent.

Coercion is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercive behavior differs from seductive behavior based on the type of pressure someone uses to get consent from another. When someone makes clear to you that they do not want sex, that they want to stop, or that they do not want to go past a certain point of sexual interaction, continued pressure beyond that point can be coercive.

Under Arkansas law, the age of consent varies with the degrees of assault, the age of the actor, and the relationship of the actor to the other party. For specific information, please refer to Arkansas statutes (e.g., Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-14-125, Sexual Assault in the Second Degree).

Consent to any one form of sexual activity cannot automatically imply consent to any other forms of sexual activity. In addition, previous relationships or prior consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts.

**Dating Violence:** Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such relationship is determined based on consideration of the following factors: (1) the length of the relationship; (2) the type of relationship; and (3) the frequency of
interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Days:** Refers to working days, rather than calendar days, unless otherwise specified.

**Domestic Violence:** The term includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of Arkansas, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the laws of Arkansas. Under the Arkansas law on domestic abuse, “family or household members” means spouses, former spouses, parents and children, persons related by blood within the fourth degree of consanguinity, in-laws, any children residing in the household, persons who presently or in the past have resided or cohabitated together, persons who have or have had a child in common, and persons who are presently or in the past have been in a dating relationship together.

**Education Program or Activity:** Includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the University exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurred, and also includes any building owned or controlled by an officially recognized student organization.

**Formal Complaint:** A document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the recipient investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. The phrase “document filed by a complainant” means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the University) that contains the complainant’s physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint.

**Party:** The complainant or respondent.

**Preponderance of the Evidence:** A standard of proof where the conclusion is based on facts that are more likely true than not.

**Respondent:** An individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

**Sanctions:** The determination of sanctions to be imposed against a respondent who is found to have been responsible for violating this policy will depend upon the nature and gravity of the misconduct, any record of prior discipline for a violation of this Policy, or both. Sanctions against students may include, without limitation, expulsion or suspension from the University, disciplinary probation, expulsion from campus housing, mandated counseling, and/or educational sanctions. Sanctions against employees and other non-students may include, without limitation, a written reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension, termination, demotion, reassignment, revision of job duties, reduction in pay, exclusion from campus or particular activities, and/or educational sanctions deemed appropriate.

**Sexual Assault:** The term “sexual assault” means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A nonforcible sex offense includes incest (i.e., the nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law) and statutory rape (i.e., nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent). A forcible sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent. A forcible sex offense includes:

- **Forcible rape:** the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any part of the body or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
• **Forcible sodomy**: Oral or sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will or not forcibly or against that person’s will in instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity;

• **Sexual assault with an object**: Using an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will or not forcibly or against that person’s will in instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because his/her temporary or permanent or physical incapacity.

• **Forcible fondling**: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person’s will or not forcibly or against that person’s will in instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because his/her temporary or permanent or physical incapacity.

**Sexual Harassment**: Sexual harassment is conduct on the basis of sex constituting one of the following:

(1) An employee of the University conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the institution on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

(2) Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the University’s educational programs or activities; or

(3) Any of the following:
   (A) ) “Sexual assault” as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(v) and this policy
   (B) “Dating violence” as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10) and this policy
   (C) “Domestic violence” as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8) and this policy
   (D) ) “Stalking” as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30) and this policy

**Stalking**: Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others or suffer substantial emotional distress.

**Supportive Measures**: Non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without a fee or charge to the complaint or respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the recipient’s education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the University’s educational environment or deter sexual harassment.

**PROCEDURES VICTIMS SHOULD FOLLOW IF A CRIME OF DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING OR SEXUAL ASSAULT OCCURS**

After an incident of sexual assault, dating violence or domestic violence, the victim should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible at Jefferson Regional Medical Center. In Arkansas, evidence may be collected even if you choose not to make a report to law enforcement. It is important that a victim of sexual assault not bathe, douche, smoke, change clothing or clean the bed/linen/area where they were assaulted if the offense occurred within the past 96 hours so that evidence may be preserved that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred/or is occurring or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order. In circumstances of sexual assault, if victims do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections. Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence are encouraged to also preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, and keeping pictures, logs or other
copies of documents, if they have any, that would be useful to University adjudicators/investigators or police.

**Procedures the University Will Follow When a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking is Reported**

The University has procedures in place that serve to be sensitive to victims who report sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including informing individuals about their right to file criminal charges as well as the availability of counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid and other services on and/or off campus as well as additional remedies to prevent contact between a complainant and an accused party, such as changes to housing, academic, protective orders, transportation and working situations, if reasonably available. The University will make such accommodations or protective measures, if the victim requests them and if they are reasonable available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to the campus police or local law enforcement. Students and employees should contact the Dean of Student for such accommodations.

If a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is reported to the University, below are the procedures that the University will follow:

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2. Institution will assess immediate safety needs of complainant  
3. Institution will assist complainant with contacting local police if complainant requests AND provide the complainant with contact information for local police department  
4. Institution will provide complainant with referrals to on and off campus mental health providers  
5. Institution will assess need to implement interim or long-term protective measures, if appropriate. |

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1 Under the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, starting in 2009, states must certify that they do not “require a victim of sexual assault to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement in order to be provided with a forensic medical exam, reimbursement for charges incurred on account of such an exam. Or both.”
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### Assistance for Victims: Rights & Options

Regardless of whether a victim elects to pursue a criminal complaint or whether the offense is alleged to have occurred on or off campus, the university will assist victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and will provide each victim with a written explanation of their rights and options. Such written information will include:

- the procedures victims should follow if a crime of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking has occurred;
- information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties;
- a statement that the institution will provide written notification to students and employees about victim services within the institution and in the community;
- a statement regarding the institution’s provisions about options for, available assistance in, and how to request accommodations and protective measures; and
- an explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action

### Rights of Victims and the Institution's Responsibilities for Orders of Protection, “No Contact” Orders, Restraining Orders, or Similar Lawful Orders Issued by a Criminal, Civil, or Tribal Court or by the Institution

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff complies with Arkansas law in recognizing orders of protection. Any person who obtains an order of protection from Arkansas or any reciprocal state (list reciprocal states) should provide a copy to Campus Police and the Office of the Title IX Coordinator. A complainant may then meet with Campus Police to develop a Safety Action Plan, which is a plan for campus police and the victim to reduce risk of harm while on campus or coming and going from campus. This plan may include, but in not limited to escorts, special parking arrangements, changing classroom location or allowing a student to complete assignments from home, etc.) The University cannot apply for a legal order of protection, no contact order or restraining order for a victim from the applicable jurisdiction(s).
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<td>Orders of protection</td>
<td>Prohibits the respondent from calling, texting, emailing, stalking, attacking, hitting, or disturbing the victim, and excludes respondent from victim’s home, job, vehicle, school, and by keeping respondent at certain distances away from victim.</td>
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<td>Prohibits all forms of communications by the respondent either direct or indirect</td>
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<td>Protects the victim from future physical, emotional or material harm by a third party.</td>
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<td>Similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court Orders by the institution (PNG)</td>
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The victim is required to apply directly for these services IN CONJUNCTION WITH Orders of Protection. Protection from abuse orders may be available through the Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office at the Jefferson County Courthouse, located at 101 East Barraque Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71601. PEACE ORDERS OR NO CONTACT ORDERS may be issued by either District Court Division 1 or 2.
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<td>Domestic Relations Court – where victim lives, where abuser lives or has</td>
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<td>Stalking Protection Order - up to 5</td>
<td>Any person who is a victim of stalking. No relationship with stalker is required.</td>
<td>Common Pleas Court - where victim lives (if family or household member, can be filed as DV Protection Order, see above)</td>
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The University may issue an institutional no contact order if deemed appropriate or at the request of the victim or accused. If the University receives a report that such an institutional no contact order has been violated, the University will initiate disciplinary proceedings appropriate to the status of the accused (student, employee, etc.) and will impose sanctions if the accused is found responsible for violating the no contact order.

**On and Off Campus Services for Victims**
Upon receipt of a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, UAPB will provide written notification to students and employees about existing assistance with and/or information about obtaining resources and services including counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid and assistance in notifying appropriate local law enforcement. These resources include the following:
**How to Be an Active Bystander**

Bystanders play a critical role in the prevention of sexual and relationship violence. They are “individuals who observe violence or witness the conditions that perpetuate violence. They are not directly involved but have the choice to intervene, speak up, or do something about it.”\(^3\) We want to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the prevention of violence without causing further harm. We may not always know what to do even if we want to help. Below is a list\(^4\) of some ways to be an active bystander. Further information regarding bystander intervention may be found. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, dial 911. This could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive towards another and it is not safe for you to interrupt.

1. **Watch out for your friends and fellow students/employees.** If you see someone who looks like they could be in trouble or need help, ask if they are ok.
2. **Confront people who seclude, hit on, and try to make out with,** or have sex with people who are incapacitated.
3. **Speak up when someone discusses plans to take sexual advantage of another person.**
4. **Believe someone who discloses sexual assault, abusive behavior,** or experience with stalking.
5. **Refer people to on or off campus resources** listed in this document for support in health, counseling, or with legal assistance. The safe and positive way for bystander invention is to use the 3 D's of Bystander Intervention. **Distract:** Anything that distracts someone enough to discontinue the abusive behavior. Delegate: If you do not feel comfortable or safe intervening, delegate the intervention to someone else. Direct: **Directly address the abuse.**

**Risk Reduction**

With no intent to victim blame and recognizing that only abusers are responsible for their abuse, the following are some strategies to reduce one’s risk of sexual assault or harassment (taken from Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network, www.rainn.org)

1. **Be aware** of your surroundings. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way to get out of a bad situation.
2. **Try to avoid isolated areas.** It is more difficult to get help if no one is around.
3. **Walk with purpose.** Even if you don’t know where you are going, act like you do.
4. **Trust your instincts.** If a situation or location feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably isn’t the best place to be.
5. **Try not to load yourself down** with packages or bags as this can make you appear more vulnerable.
6. **Make sure your cell phone is with you** and charged and that you have cab money.
7. **Don’t allow yourself to be isolated** with someone you don’t trust or someone you don’t know.
8. **Avoid putting music headphones in both ears** so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.

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\(^4\) Bystander intervention strategies adapted from Stanford University’s Office of Sexual Assault & Relationship Abuse
9. **When you go to a social gathering, go with a group of friends.** Arrive together, check in with each other throughout the evening, and leave together. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way out of a bad situation.

10. **Trust your instincts.** If you feel unsafe in any situation, go with your gut. If you see something suspicious, contact law enforcement immediately (local authorities can be reached by calling 911 in most areas of the U.S.).

11. **Don't leave your drink unattended** while talking, dancing, using the restroom, or making a phone call. If you’ve left your drink alone, just get a new one.

12. **Don't accept drinks from people you don't know or trust.** If you choose to accept a drink, go with the person to the bar to order it, watch it being poured, and carry it yourself. At parties, don’t drink from the punch bowls or other large, common open containers.

13. **Watch out for your friends, and vice versa.** If a friend seems out of it, is way too intoxicated for the amount of alcohol they’ve had, or is acting out of character, get him or her to a safe place immediately.

14. **If you suspect you or a friend has been drugged, contact law enforcement immediately** (local authorities can be reached by calling 911 in most areas of the U.S.). Be explicit with doctors so they can give you the correct tests (you will need a urine test and possibly others).

15. If you need to get out of an uncomfortable or scary situation here are some things that you can try:
   a. **Remember that being in this situation is not your fault.** You did not do anything wrong; it is the person who is making you uncomfortable that is to blame.
   b. **Be true to yourself.** Don't feel obligated to do anything you don't want to do. "I don't want to" is always a good enough reason. Do what feel right to you and what you are comfortable with.
   c. **Have a code word with your friends or family** so that if you don’t feel comfortable you can call them and communicate your discomfort without the person you are with knowing. Your friends or family can then come to get you or make up an excuse for you to leave.
   d. **Lie.** If you don’t want to hurt the person’s feelings it is better to lie and make up a reason to leave than to stay and be uncomfortable, scared, or worse. Some excuses you could use are: needing to take care of a friend or family member, not feeling well, having somewhere else that you need to be, etc.

16. **Try to think of an escape route.** How would you try to get out of the room? Where are the doors? Windows? Are there people around who might be able to help you? Is there an emergency phone nearby?

17. **If you and/or the other person have been drinking,** you can say that you would rather wait until you both have your full judgment before doing anything you may regret later.

UAPB primary prevention and awareness program for all incoming students is SafeColleges Training.

![SafeColleges Training](image)

Additional Ongoing Education and Awareness Programs
Throughout the year, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff staff and students provide professional training and educational programming to faculty, staff and students on a variety of issues related to sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and sexual harassment and stalking.

Programming available includes bystander intervention training, sexual assault response training, workshops for athletic teams, and workshops for Greek organizations, workshops for band and choirs and student residential assistance.

The Title IX coordinator and Deputy Title IX coordinator provide ongoing training and education to UAPB faculty, staff and students on issues related to sexual misconduct and stalking and staff reporting responsibilities.

Student Counseling, Assessment and Development, Residence Life and the University Police Department offer programs on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking to the campus community.

Primary Prevention and Awareness Programs

Specifically, the University offered the following primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students in YEAR: 2019

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**Primary Prevention and Awareness Campaigns**
All students and employees within our campus community deserve to feel safe and supported. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff prohibits the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking and works annually to provide you with education, tools, and resources to recognize concerning or harmful behaviors and strategies for intervening or to help others get the support they need.

As part of these efforts, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff provides primary prevention and awareness campaigns for incoming students and new employees as well as ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for all Students and employees.

**POLICY EXPECTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CONSENSUAL RELATIONSHIPS**
There are inherent risks in any romantic or sexual relationship between individuals in unequal positions (such as teacher and student, or supervisor and employee). These relationships may be less consensual than perceived by the individual whose position confers power. The relationship also may be viewed in different ways by each of the parties, particularly in retrospect. Furthermore, circumstances may change, and conduct that was previously welcome may become unwelcome. Even when both parties have consented at the outset to a romantic or sexual involvement, this past consent may not remove grounds for a later charge of a violation of Policy.

The University does not wish to interfere with private choices regarding personal relationships when those relationships do not interfere with the goals and policies of the University. However, for the personal protection of members of this community, relationships in which power differentials are inherent (faculty-student, staff-student, administrator-student or employee) are prohibited except in extraordinary circumstances.

Consensual romantic or sexual relationships in which one party maintains a direct supervisory or evaluative role over the other party are unethical. Therefore, persons with direct supervisory or evaluative responsibilities who are involved in such relationships must bring those relationships to the timely attention of their supervisors. This will likely result in removing the employee from the supervisory or evaluative responsibilities or shifting the student or employee out of being supervised or evaluated by someone with whom he or she has established a consensual relationship. Failure to self-report such relationships to a supervisor as required may result in disciplinary action for an employee, up to and including termination.

**Adjudication of Violations**

In all instances, the process will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the institution’s policy and that is transparent to the accuser and the accused. University officials involved in the investigation or adjudication of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking complaints are trained annually on the issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as well as how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of the victim and promotes accountability. Furthermore, each policy provides that:

1. The accuser and the accused will have timely notice for meetings at which the accuser or accused, or both, may be present;
2. The accuser, the accused and appropriate officials will have timely and equal access to any information that will be used during formal and informal disciplinary meetings and hearings;
3. The institutional disciplinary procedures will not be conducted by officials who have a conflict
of interest or bias for or against the accuser or the accused;

4. The accuser and the accused will have the same opportunities to have a support person present during any institutional disciplinary proceeding. This support person can be anyone, including an attorney. The University will not limit the choice of advisor or presence for either the accuser or the accused in any meeting or institutional disciplinary proceeding.

5. The accuser and the accused will be notified simultaneously, in writing, of the any initial, interim and final decision of any disciplinary proceeding; and

6. Where an appeal is permitted under the applicable policy, the accuser and the accused will be notified simultaneously in writing, of the procedures for the accused and the victim to appeal the result of the institutional disciplinary proceeding. When an appeal is filed, the accuser and the accused will be notified simultaneously in writing of any change to the result prior to the time that it becomes final as well as of the final result once the appeal is resolved.

FEDERAL CLERY ACT DEFINITIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

The Clery Act defines the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as follows:

- **Domestic Violence:**
  - A Felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed
    - A) By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
    - B) By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
    - C) By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
    - D) By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or
    - E) By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
  - For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and §668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

- **Dating Violence:** Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.
  - i. The existence of such a relationship shall be based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
  - ii. For the purposes of this definition—
    - A) Dating Violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
    - B) Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
  - iii. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and §668.41, any
incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

- **Sexual Assault** An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Per the National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual from the FBI UCR Program, a sex offense is “any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim if incapable of giving consent.”
  
  o **Rape** is defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
  
  o **Fondling** is defined as the touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
  
  o **Incest** is defined as sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
  
  o **Statutory Rape** is defined as sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.
  
  o For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and §668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

- **Stalking:**
  i. Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—
     A) Fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others; or
     B) Suffer substantial emotional distress.
  
  ii. For the purposes of this definition—
     A) Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about, a person, or interferes with a person’s property.
     B) Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
     C) Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

**JURISDICTIONAL DEFINITIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING**
18-16-112. Protection for victims of Domestic abuse -- Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:
(1) "Documented incident of domestic abuse" means evidence of domestic abuse contained in an order of a court of competent jurisdiction;
(2) "Domestic abuse" means:
(A) The infliction of physical injury or the creation of a reasonable fear that physical injury or harm will be inflicted upon a member of a household by a member or former member of the household; or
(B) The commission of a sex crime or act of stalking upon a member of a household;
(3) "Domestic abuse offender" means a person identified in a documented incident of domestic abuse as performing any act of domestic abuse;
(4) "Sex crime" includes without limitation:
(A) The following offenses:
   (i) Rape, § 5-14-103;
   (ii) Sexual indecency with a child, § 5-14-110;
   (iii) Sexual assault in the first degree, § 5-14-124;
   (iv) Sexual assault in the second degree, § 5-14-125;
   (v) Sexual assault in the third degree, § 5-14-126;
   (vi) Sexual assault in the fourth degree, § 5-14-127;
   (vii) Incest, § 5-26-202;
   (viii) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium, § 5-27-303;
   (ix) Transportation of minors for prohibited sexual conduct, § 5-27-305;
   (x) Employing or consenting to the use of a child in a sexual performance, § 5-27-402;
   (xi) Pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, § 5-27-304;
   (xii) Producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child, § 5-27-403;
   (xiii) Promoting prostitution in the first degree, § 5-70-104;
   (xiv) Indecent exposure, § 5-14-112, if a felony level offense;
   (xv) Exposing another person to human immunodeficiency virus when a person who has tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus was ordered by the sentencing court to register as a sex offender, § 5-14-123;
   (xvi) Kidnapping pursuant to § 5-11-102(a) when the victim is a minor and the offender is not the parent of the victim;
   (xvii) False imprisonment in the first degree and false imprisonment in the second degree, §§ 5-11-103 and 5-11-104, when the victim is a minor and the offender is not the parent of the victim;
   (xviii) Permitting abuse of a minor pursuant to § 5-27-221;
   (xix) Computer child pornography, § 5-27-603;
   (xx) Computer exploitation of a child, § 5-27-605;
   (xxi) Permanent detention or restraint when the offender is not the parent of the victim, § 5-11-106; and
   (xxii) Distributing, possessing, or viewing matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, § 5-27-602;
(B) An attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit any offense enumerated in subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section; and
(C) An adjudication of guilt for an offense of the law of another state, for a federal offense, for a tribal court offense, or for a military offense:
(i) That is similar to any offense enumerated in subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section; or
(ii) When that adjudication of guilt requires registration under another state's sex offender registration laws;
(5) "Stalking" means following or loitering near a person with the purpose of annoying, harassing, or committing an assault or battery against the person; and
(6) "Victim of domestic abuse" means a person or a member of the person's household who is identified in a documented incident of domestic abuse within:
   (A) The immediately preceding sixty (60) days; or
   (B) Sixty (60) days of the termination of a residential tenancy by the person, a member of the person's household, or landlord because of domestic abuse.
   (b) If a residential tenant, an applicant for a residential tenancy, or a member of the tenant or applicant’s household is a victim of domestic abuse as evidenced by a documented incident of domestic abuse:
   (1) With respect to the victim of domestic abuse, a landlord shall not terminate or fail to renew a residential tenancy, refuse to enter into a residential tenancy, or otherwise retaliate in the leasing of a residence because of the domestic abuse; and
   (2)
      (A) At the residential tenant's expense and with the landlord's prior consent, a landlord or a residential tenant other than a domestic abuse offender may change the locks to the residential tenant's residence.
      (B) The landlord or residential tenant shall furnish the other a copy of the new key to the residential tenant's residence immediately after changing the locks or as soon after changing the locks as possible if either the landlord or residential tenant is unavailable.
      (c) Notwithstanding a conflicting provision in a domestic abuse offender's residential tenancy agreement, if a domestic abuse offender is under a court order to stay away from a co-tenant residing in the domestic abuse offender's residence or the co-tenant's residence:
         (1) The domestic abuse offender under the court order may access either residence only to the extent permitted by the court order or another court order;
         (2) A landlord may refuse access by a domestic abuse offender to the residence of a victim of domestic abuse unless the domestic offender is permitted access by court order; and
         (3) A landlord may pursue all available legal remedies against the domestic abuse offender, including without limitation an action:
            (A) To terminate the residential tenancy agreement of the domestic abuse offender;
            (B) To evict the domestic abuse offender whether or not a residential tenancy agreement between the landlord and domestic abuse offender exists; and
            (C) For damages against the domestic abuse offender:
               (i) For any unpaid rent owed by the domestic abuse offender; and
               (ii) Resulting from a documented incident of domestic abuse.
            (d) A landlord is entitled to a court order terminating the residential tenancy agreement of a person or evicting a person, or both, under subdivision (c)(3)(A) or (c)(3)(B) of this section upon proof that the person is a domestic abuse offender under this section.
            (e) A landlord is immune from civil liability if the landlord in good faith:
               (1) Changes the locks under subdivision (b)(2) of this section; or
               (2) Acts in accordance with a court order under subsection (c) of this section.
            (3) A residential tenant may not waive in a residential tenancy the residential tenant's right to request law enforcement assistance or other emergency assistance.

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5-14-124. Sexual assault in the first degree.

(a) A person commits sexual assault in the first degree if:
(1) The person engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with a minor who is not the actor's spouse and the actor is:
(A) Employed with the Department of Correction, the Department of Community Correction, the Department of Human Services, or any city or county jail or a juvenile detention facility, and the victim is in the custody of the Department of Correction, the Department of Community Correction, the Department of Human Services, any city or county jail or juvenile detention facility, or their contractors or agents;
(B) Employed by or contracted with the Department of Community Correction, a local law enforcement agency, a court, or a local government and the actor is supervising the minor while the minor is on probation or parole or for any other court-ordered reason;
(C) A mandated reporter under § 12-18-402(b) and is in a position of trust or authority over the victim and uses the position of trust or authority to engage in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity; or
(D) An employee in the victim's school or school district, a temporary caretaker, or a person in a position of trust or authority over the victim; or
(2) The person is a teacher, principal, athletic coach, or counselor in a public or private school in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) and the actor:
(A) Engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with a person who is not the actor's spouse and the victim is:
(i) Less than twenty-one (21) years of age; and
(ii) A student enrolled in the public or private school employing the actor; and
(B) Is in a position of trust or authority over the victim and uses his or her position of trust or authority over the victim to engage in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity.
(b) It is no defense to a prosecution under this section that the victim consented to the conduct.
(c) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under subdivision (a)(1)(D) of this section that the actor was not more than three (3) years older than the victim.
(d) Sexual assault in the first degree is a Class A felony.

5-14-125. Sexual assault in the second degree.

(a) A person commits sexual assault in the second degree if the person:
(1) Engages in sexual contact with another person by forcible compulsion;
(2) Engages in sexual contact with another person who is incapable of consent because he or she is:
(A) Physically helpless;
(B) Mentally defective; or
(C) Mentally incapacitated;
(3) Being eighteen (18) years of age or older, engages in sexual contact with another person who is:
(A) Less than fourteen (14) years of age; and
(B) Not the person's spouse;
(4) (A) Engages in sexual contact with a minor and the actor is:
(i) Employed with the Department of Correction, the Department of Community Correction, any city or county jail, or any juvenile detention facility, and the minor is in custody at a facility operated by the agency or contractor employing the actor;
(ii) Employed by or contracted with the Department of Community Correction, a local law enforcement agency, a court, or a local government and the actor is supervising the minor while the minor is on probation or parole or for any other court-ordered reason;
(iii) A mandated reporter under § 12-18-402(b) and is in a position of trust or authority over the minor; or
(iv) The minor's guardian, an employee in the minor's school or school district, a temporary caretaker, or a person in a position of trust or authority over the minor.
(B) For purposes of subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section, consent of the minor is not a defense to a prosecution;
(5) (A) Being a minor, engages in sexual contact with another person who is:
(i) Less than fourteen (14) years of age; and
(ii) Not the person's spouse.
(B) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this subdivision (a)(5) that the actor was not more than:
(i) Three (3) years older than the victim if the victim is less than twelve (12) years of age; or
(ii) Four (4) years older than the victim if the victim is twelve (12) years of age or older; or
(6) Is a teacher, principal, athletic coach, or counselor in a public or private school in a grade kindergarten through twelve (K-12), in a position of trust or authority, and uses his or her position of trust or authority over the victim to engage in sexual contact with a victim who is:
(A) A student enrolled in the public or private school; and
(B) Less than twenty-one (21) years of age.
(b)
(1) Sexual assault in the second degree is a Class B felony.
(2) Sexual assault in the second degree is a Class D felony if committed by a minor with another person who is:
(A) Less than fourteen (14) years of age; and
(B) Not the person's spouse.

5-14-126. Sexual assault in the third degree.
(a) A person commits sexual assault in the third degree if the person:
(1) Engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with another person who is not the actor's spouse, and the actor is:
(A) Employed with the Department of Correction, Department of Community Correction, Department of Human Services, or any city or county jail, the victim is in the custody of the Department of Correction, Department of Community Correction, Department of Human Services, or any city or county jail, and the actor is in a position of trust or authority over the victim and uses the position of trust or authority to engage in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity;
(B) Employed by or contracted with the Department of Community Correction, a local law enforcement agency, a court, or a local government and the actor is supervising the person while the person is on probation or parole or for any other court-ordered reason;
(C) Employed or contracted with or otherwise providing services, supplies, or supervision to an agency maintaining custody of inmates, detainees, or juveniles, the victim is in the custody of the Department of Correction, Department of Community Correction, Department of Human Services, or any city or county jail, and the actor is in a position of trust or authority over the victim and uses the position of trust or authority to engage in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity; or
(D) A mandated reporter under § 12-18-402(b) or a member of the clergy and is in a position of trust or authority over the victim and uses the position of trust or authority to engage in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity; or
(2) (A) Being a minor, engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with another person who who
is:
(i) Less than fourteen (14) years of age; and
(ii) Not the person's spouse.
(B) It is an affirmative defense under this subdivision (a)(2) that the actor was not more than three (3) years older than the victim.
(b) It is no defense to a prosecution under this section that the victim consented to the conduct.
(c) Sexual assault in the third degree is a Class C felony.

5-14-127. Sexual assault in the fourth degree.

(a) A person commits sexual assault in the fourth degree if the person:
(1) Being twenty (20) years of age or older:
   (A) Engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with another person who is:
      (i) Less than sixteen (16) years of age; and
      (ii) Not the person's spouse; or
   (B) Engages in sexual contact with another person who is:
      (i) Less than sixteen (16) years of age; and
      (ii) Not the person's spouse; or
(2) Engages in sexual contact with another person who is not the actor's spouse, and the actor is employed with the Department of Correction, Department of Community Correction, Department of Human Services, or any city or county jail, and the victim is in the custody of the Department of Correction, Department of Community Correction, Department of Human Services, or a city or county jail.
(b) (1) Sexual assault in the fourth degree under subdivisions (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2) of this section is a Class D felony.
(2) Sexual assault in the fourth degree under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section is a Class A misdemeanor if the person engages only in sexual contact with another person as described in subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section.

History

"Domestic violence" means:
(A) Physical harm, bodily harm causing injury, or an assault against a person caused by:
   (i) A family or household member; or
   (ii) Another person with whom a person is in a dating relationship;
(B) Mental or emotional harm to a person caused by:
   (i) A family or household member; or
   (ii) Another person with whom a person is in a dating relationship; or
(C) Sexual abuse against a person by another person;
5-26-303. Domestic battering in the first degree.

(a) A person commits domestic battering in the first degree if:
(1) With the purpose of causing serious physical injury to a family or household member, the person causes serious physical injury to a family or household member by means of a deadly weapon;
(2) With the purpose of seriously and permanently disfiguring a family or household member or of destroying, amputating, or permanently disabling a member or organ of a family or household member’s body, the person causes such an injury to a family or household member;
(3) The person causes serious physical injury to a family or household member under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;
(4) The person knowingly causes serious physical injury to a family or household member he or she knows to be sixty (60) years of age or older or twelve (12) years of age or younger;
(5) The person:
(A) Commits any act of domestic battering as defined in § 5-26-304 or § 5-26-305; and
(B) For conduct that occurred within the ten (10) years preceding the commission of the current offense, the person has on two (2) previous occasions been convicted of any act of battery against a family or household member as defined by the laws of this state or by the equivalent laws of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;
(6) With the purpose of causing physical injury to a family or household member, the person causes physical injury to a family or household member by means of a firearm.

(b)
(1) Domestic battering in the first degree is a Class B felony.
(2) However, domestic battering in the first degree is a Class A felony upon a conviction under subsection (a) of this section if:
(A) Committed against a woman the person knew or should have known was pregnant; or
(B) The person committed one (1) or more of the following offenses within five (5) years of the offense of domestic battering in the first degree:
(i) Domestic battering in the first degree;
(ii) Domestic battering in the second degree, § 5-26-304;
(iii) Domestic battering in the third degree, § 5-26-305; or
(iv) A violation of an equivalent penal law of this state or of another state or foreign jurisdiction.

5-26-304. Domestic battering in the second degree.

(a) A person commits domestic battering in the second degree if:
(1) With the purpose of causing physical injury to a family or household member, the person causes serious physical injury to a family or household member;
(2) With the purpose of causing physical injury to a family or household member, the person causes physical injury to a family or household member by means of a deadly weapon;
(3) The person recklessly causes serious physical injury to a family or household member by means of a deadly weapon; or
(4) The person knowingly causes physical injury to a family or household member he or she knows to be sixty (60) years of age or older or twelve (12) years of age or younger.

(b)
(1) Domestic battering in the second degree is a Class C felony.
(2) However, domestic battering in the second degree is a Class B felony if:
(A) Committed against a woman the person knew or should have known was pregnant;
(B) The person committed one (1) or more of the following offenses within five (5) years of the offense of domestic battering in the second degree:
   (i) Domestic battering in the first degree, § 5-26-303;
   (ii) Domestic battering in the second degree;
   (iii) Domestic battering in the third degree, § 5-26-305; or
   (iv) A violation of an equivalent penal law of this state or of another state or foreign jurisdiction; or
   (C) The person committed two (2) or more offenses of battery against a family or household member as defined by a law of this state or by an equivalent law of any other state or foreign jurisdiction within ten (10) Years of the offense of domestic battering in the second degree.

5-26-305. Domestic battering in the third degree.

(a) A person commits domestic battering in the third degree if:
   (1) With the purpose of causing physical injury to a family or household member, the person causes physical injury to a family or household member;
   (2) The person recklessly causes physical injury to a family or household member;
   (3) The person negligently causes physical injury to a family or household member by means of a deadly weapon; or
   (4) The person purposely causes stupor, unconsciousness, or physical or mental impairment or injury to a family or household member by administering to the family or household member, without the family or household member’s consent, any drug or other substance.

(b)
   (1) Domestic battering in the third degree is a Class A misdemeanor.
   (2) However, domestic battering in the third degree is a Class D felony if:
      (A) Committed against a woman the person knew or should have known was pregnant;
      (B) The person committed one (1) or more of the following offenses within five (5) years of the offense of domestic battering in the second degree:
         (i) Domestic battering in the first degree, § 5-26-303;
         (ii) Domestic battering in the second degree, § 5-26-304;
         (iii) Domestic battering in the third degree;
         (iv) Aggravated assault on a family or household member, § 5-26-306; or
         (v) A violation of an equivalent penal law of this state or of another state or foreign jurisdiction; or
      (C) The person committed two (2) or more offenses of battery against a family or household member as defined by a law of this state or by an equivalent law of any other state or foreign jurisdiction within ten (10) years of the offense of domestic battering in the third degree.

5-71-229. Stalking.

(a) (1) A person commits stalking in the first degree if he or she knowingly engages in a course of conduct that would place a reasonable person in the victim’s position under emotional distress and in fear for his or her safety or a third person’s safety, and the actor:
      (A) Does so in contravention of an order of protection consistent with the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, § 9-15-101 et seq., or a no contact order as set out in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section, protecting the same victim, or any other order issued by any court protecting the same victim;
      (B) Has been convicted within the previous ten (10) years of:
         (i) Stalking in the second degree;
         (ii) Terroristic threatening, § 5-13-301, or terroristic act, § 5-13-310; or
(iii) **Stalking** or threats against another person's safety under the statutory provisions of any other state jurisdiction; or

(C) Is armed with a deadly weapon or represents by word or conduct that he or she is armed with a deadly weapon.

(2)

(A) Upon pretrial release of the defendant, a judicial officer shall enter a no contact order in writing consistent with Rules 9.3 and 9.4 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure and shall give notice to the defendant of penalties contained in Rule 9.5 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(B) The no contact order remains in effect during the pendency of any appeal of a conviction under this subsection.

(C) The judicial officer or prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of the no contact order to the victim and the arresting law enforcement agency without unnecessary delay.

(D) If the judicial officer has reason to believe that mental disease or defect of the defendant will or has become an issue in the case, the judicial officer shall enter orders consistent with § 5-2-327 or § 5-2-328, or both.

(3) **Stalking** in the first degree is a Class C felony.

(b)

(1) A person commits **stalking** in the second degree if he or she knowingly engages in a course of conduct that harasses another person and makes a terroristic threat with the purpose of placing that person in imminent fear of death or serious bodily injury or placing that person in imminent fear of the death or serious bodily injury of his or her immediate family.

(2)

(A) Upon pretrial release of the defendant, a judicial officer shall enter a no contact order in writing consistent with Rules 9.3 and 9.4 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure and shall give notice to the defendant of penalties contained in Rule 9.5 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(B) The no contact order remains in effect during the pendency of any appeal of a conviction under this subsection.

(C) The judicial officer or prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of the no contact order to the victim and arresting law enforcement agency without unnecessary delay.

(D) If the judicial officer has reason to believe that mental disease or defect of the defendant will or has become an issue in the case, the judicial officer shall enter orders consistent with § 5-2-327 or § 5-2-328, or both.

(3) **Stalking** in the second degree is a Class D felony.

(c)

(1) A person commits **stalking** in the third degree if he or she knowingly commits an act that would place a reasonable person in the victim's position under emotional distress and in fear for his or her safety or a third person's safety.

(2)

(A) Upon pretrial release of the defendant, a judicial officer shall enter a no contact order in writing consistent with Rules 9.3 and 9.4 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure and shall give notice to the defendant of penalties contained in Rule 9.5 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(B) The no contact order remains in effect during the pendency of any appeal of a conviction under this subsection.

(C) The judicial officer or prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of the no contact order to the victim and arresting law enforcement agency without unnecessary delay.
(D) If the judicial officer has reason to believe that mental disease or defect of the defendant will or has become an issue in the case, the judicial officer shall enter orders consistent with § 5-2-327 or § 5-2-328, or both.

(3) Stalking in the third degree is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section if the actor is a law enforcement officer, licensed private investigator, attorney, process server, licensed bail bondsman, or a store detective acting within the reasonable scope of his or her duty while conducting surveillance on an official work assignment.

(e) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section that the actor was not given actual notice by the victim that the actor's conduct was not wanted.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of two (2) or more acts, separated by at least thirty-six (36) hours, but occurring within one (1) year, including without limitation an act in which the actor directly, indirectly, or through a third party by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, places under surveillance, threatens, or communicates to or about a person or interferes with a person's property.

(B) "Emotional distress" means significant mental suffering or distress.

(ii) If the defendant claims that he or she was engaged in a constitutionally protected activity, the court shall determine the validity of that claim as a matter of law and, if found valid, shall exclude that activity from evidence;

(2) "Emotional distress" does not include constitutionally protected activity.

(A) "Emotional distress" does not require that the victim sought or received medical or other professional treatment or counseling; and

(3) "Harasses" means an act of harassment as prohibited by § 5-71-208.

Sexual Offender Registration

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (CSCPA) of 2000 is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at, or employed by, institutions of higher education. The federal law requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. Persons convicted of sex offenses are required by law to register with the State of Arkansas and also provide notice of each institution of higher education where the person is employed or is a student. University Police maintains a folder of all registered sexual offenders in Jefferson County (UAPB) and Pulaski County (UAPB-DARS (NLR)). To view this folder, visit University Police between the hours of 8AM and 4:30PM. In addition, a current listing of all registered sex offenders in Arkansas is available at: http://acic.org/. The web site can be searched by city, county, zip code, or name. For Jefferson County (71601, 71602, and 71603), and Pulaski County (72114).

Missing Student Notification

If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student is missing, he or she should immediately notify University Police at (870) 575-8102 and visit https://uapb-advocate.symplicity.com/missing person/index.php/pid031776? to fill out the missing student report form. If members of the UAPB community believe that a student has been missing for 24 hours, it is critical that
they report that information to UAPBPD. University Police will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation.

A student shall be officially classified as “missing” when University Police has completed its investigation and determined that the reported information is credible and circumstances warrant declaring the person missing. The procedures that the institution must follow when a student who resides in an on-campus student housing facility is determined to have been missing for 24 hours include:

**Should University Police determine that a residential student is a missing person, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students will be immediately notified** to verify the appropriate missing person contact information and the Pine Bluff Police Department or the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the area that the student went missing, will be notified within 24 hours of making the determination that the student is missing (regardless of the age of the missing student whether they’ve registered a confidential missing person contact). Contact will then be made with the listed contact person(s) within 24 hours by the Dean of Students. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, the Dean of Students will notify the student’s parent or legal guardian, in addition to the confidential missing person contact that has been identified, within 24 hours of making the determination that the student has been missing for more than 24 hours.

University Police will provide the Dean of Students timely and continuous notification of the status of the investigation until the case is closed. For all missing students, UAPB will notify the local law enforcement agency within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing, unless the local law enforcement agency was the entity that made the determination that the student is missing. If the student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, UAPBPD will notify the student’s parent of guardian and any other designated contact person within 24 hours.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify, confidentially, an individual to be contacted by UAPB in the event the student is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. A student who wishes to identify a confidential contact may do so by completing the Student Confidential Contact Form at the time a student checks-in the residential facility.

A student’s confidential contact information will be accessible only by authorized campus officials and law enforcement as appropriate and it may not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation.

**PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING IF A STUDENT IS MISSING**

For purposes of this procedure, a University residence student may be considered to be a “missing student” if the person’s absence is contrary to their usual pattern of behavior without explanation.

When a residence staff member becomes aware of a potential missing resident student, an incident report is initiated that begins the Missing Student Protocol. The 24-hour period begins at the time the report is generated, and housing staff will follow the missing student procedure described to report and investigate for validity.
**Resident Assistant Role:**

1. Gather information from the reporting source: name and contact information of the source, relationship to the missing person; name, age, description, campus address and contact information of the missing person; last seen date/time/location; reason for the concern; any other information that may be helpful. Record all this information on the Incident Report (IR). Record “Missing Person” on the “other” category of the IR.
2. Immediately notify the Hall Manager of the missing person report.
3. Perform routine checks within the hall community:
   - Check with roommates to see when the missing person was last there.
   - Try to call, email, or text message the person.
   - Check with their friends to ask when they last communicated with the person.
   - If possible, check social network sites for useful information.
   - Continually update the Hall Manager with new information, including finding the missing student.

**Dorm Coordinator**

1. Gather as much information as possible from the Resident Assistant and the source of the initial report such as reasons why they believe the resident is missing and what actions have been taken to try and locate the person.
2. Continue the investigation by:
   - Checking the student’s room
   - Interviewing roommates and asking them to watch for the student
   - Leaving a note on the student’s door to contact you as soon as they return
   - Instructing the Lobby Manager to watch for the student to enter the building
   - Update the incident report with any new information
3. Notify the Director of Residential Life if the missing resident has not been found within twelve hours.

**Director of Residential Life**

1. Review the IR and gather information from the Hall Manager.
2. Inspect the missing person’s housing file for verification of vital information such as age, contact information, and ID number.
3. Check the person’s mailbox to determine if they have been picking up their mail.
4. If the person registered a vehicle, check the housing parking lots for their car.
5. Check for ID photo, registration verification, and class schedule.
6. Consult with the Office of the Dean of Students.
7. Contact the Office of Records and Registration to determine attendance.
8. Contact Computing Services to investigate when/where the person may have used their ID or logged onto the university network.
9. Continue to check in with roommates, hall staff and others for updates or additional information.

All housing investigating procedures should be completed by 24 hours after first notification of the missing student. If the resident has not been located, the designated contact or the custodial parent or guardian, and the Chief of University Police will be notified by the Dean of Students and/or CSA.
Circumstances to immediately notify Campus Police without following the Missing Student Procedures include:

❖ Suspected foul play or danger including expressed suicidal ideology
❖ Known medical condition that could cause a life-threatening situation
❖ Natural disaster or other force of nature in which the student may have been involved
❖ The missing student has no designated contact on file

Individuals who believe a student resident is missing should contact Resident Staff personnel to file an Incident Report and initiate a student housing investigation. If the missing resident is not yet 18 years old, the custodial parent or guardian will be contacted by the university within 24 hours of notification. UA Pine Bluff will initiate official notification procedures for any resident who is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours.

❖ **Designated Contact:** All residents have the option to designate a person to be contacted by UA Pine Bluff should the resident be determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. A Confidential Contact Information Form is available from the Residential Life Office, Resident Hall Security Desk, Dorm Coordinator, or the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, and Residential Life web site at [http://www.uapb.edu/administration/student_affairs/residential_life.aspx](http://www.uapb.edu/administration/student_affairs/residential_life.aspx). All residents are encouraged to complete and submit a confidential contact information.

❖ **Law Enforcement Notification:** If a resident chooses not to designate a contact and/or is not yet 18 years of age, the Dean of Students will notify the Director of University Police and Public Safety (DPS) when a resident has been determined to be missing for more than 24 hours.

**Contact Information:**

Department of Police & Public Safety  
1900 West Reeker Avenue  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601  
(870) 575-8102

**DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES ACT**

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, the institution has developed and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, sale, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, UAPB publishes information regarding the University’s educational programs related to drug and alcohol abuse prevention; sanctions for violations of federal, state, and local laws and University policy; a description of health risks associated with alcohol and other drug use; and a description of available treatment programs for UAPB students and employees. A complete description of these topics, as provided in the University’s annual notification to students and employees, is available online at:
The institution’s annual Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act notification includes the items listed below.

1. Standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by employees and students on its property or as part of its activities;
2. A description of applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;
3. A description of health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol;
4. A description of available drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs;
5. A clear statement of the disciplinary sanctions that the University will impose on employees and students and the consistency of the enforcement of sanctions. Disciplinary sanctions may include, but are not limited to, a warning, written reprimand, suspension (with or without pay), dismissal, expulsion, and/or mandatory participation and successful completion of a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved by an appropriate health or law enforcement agency.

**Alcohol and Illicit Drug Policies & Sanctions for Students:**

UAPB strictly prohibits the dispensing, selling, supplying, possession, use, sale, manufacture, or distribution of alcohol or illicit drugs on University owned/University controlled property or at any University sponsored event, including off campus University sponsored events that have been approved by the Office of Student Affairs or another University Office. University Police actively enforces all Arkansas underage drinking laws as well as both state and Federal drug laws and University policies. Students found to be in violation of the alcohol and illicit drug policies are subject to arrest, criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and/or fine according to state and federal law. In addition, students found in violation of this policy will face university sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion.

The University may notify, in writing, a parent or legal guardian of a student who is under twenty-one (21) years of age if he/she violates any rule or policy of the university governing the use or possession of alcohol, controlled substances, or illicit drugs while on University controlled property or at a University sponsored or sanctioned event. Notification to the parent/legal guardian will be in addition to disciplinary action.

**Alcohol and Illicit Drug Policies & Sanctions for Employees:**

The State of Arkansas Drug-Free Workplace Policy

(Governor’s Executive Order 89-2; approved by Administrative Cabinet May 15, 1989) Drug abuse and use at the workplace are subjects of immediate concern in our society. These problems are extremely complex and ones for which there are no easy solutions.
From a safety perspective, the users of drugs may impair the well-being of all employees, the public at large, and may cause damage to state property. Therefore, it is the policy of the State of Arkansas that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance in a state agency’s workplace is prohibited. Any employee violating this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. The specifics of this policy are as follows:

1. State agencies [University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff] will not differentiate between drug users and drug pushers or sellers. Any employee who gives or in any way transfers a controlled substance to another person or sells or manufactures a controlled substance while on the job or on agency premises will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.

2. The term “controlled substance” means any drug listed in 21 U.S.C. Section 812 and other federal regulations. Generally, these are drugs that have a high potential for abuse. Such drugs include, but are not limited to Heroin, Marijuana, Cocaine, PCP, and “Crack”. They also include “legal drugs” that are not prescribed by a licensed physician.

3. Each employee is required by law to inform the agency within five (5) days after he or she is convicted for violation of any federal or state criminal drug statute where such violation occurred on the agency’s premises. A conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or the imposition of a sentence by a judge or jury in any federal court, state court, or other court of competent jurisdiction.

4. [The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff] must notify any U.S. government agency with which any contract has been made within ten (10) days after receiving notice from the employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such a conviction.

5. If an employee is convicted of violating any criminal drug statute while in the workplace, he or she will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. Alternatively, the agency may require the employee to successfully finish a drug abuse program sponsored by an approved private or governmental institution.

6. As a condition of further employment under any federal government contract, the law requires all employees to abide by this policy.

**Alcohol Use** (Board of Trustees Policy 705.2; Governor’s Policy Directive -5)

The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University property or during working hours, reporting to work under the influence of alcohol, and intoxication while on duty are prohibited, and will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. Information about laws relating to alcohol possession and use is available from Human Resources. Information about the health consequences of alcohol use and about locally-available sources of alcohol-abuse counseling is available from the Health Services. Dispensing, possessing and/or consuming alcoholic beverages on State property is strictly prohibited, except as allowed by board policy.

NOTE: Any University employee paid from federally funded grants or contracts, or any student participating in any federally funded or guaranteed Student Loan Program, must notify the University of any Criminal Drug Statute Conviction for a violation occurring at the University or while engaged in University activities.
Legal Sanctions Under Federal Laws:

Federal law provides criminal and civil penalties for unlawful possession or distribution of drugs and alcohol. Along with incarceration and/or fines, there are federal laws allowing the forfeiture of property used in possession or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance. This could include homes, vehicles, boats, aircrafts and other personal or real property. Fines could range up in the millions of dollars. An individual becomes ineligible to receive federal benefits such as student loans and grants. For more details on the Federal laws related to alcohol and other drug violations, go to: http://www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/ftp3.shtml

Crime Statistics – UAPB

The procedures for preparing the annual disclosure of crime statistics include reporting statistics to the University community which are obtained from the following sources:

- University Police
- Pine Bluff Police Department
- North Little Rock Police Department
- Campus Security Authorities

For statistical purposes, crimes reported to any of the sources named above are recorded in the calendar year the crime was reported. A written request for statistical information is made on an annual basis to CSAs, Pine Bluff Police Department and North Little Rock Police Department, as well as other local law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction within the UAPB Clery Geography. All of the statistics are gathered, compiled, and reported to the University community via the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFSR), which is published by University Police. University Police submits the annual crime statistics published in this brochure to the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The statistical information gathered by the ED is available to the public at: http://ope.ed.gov/security/

NOTE: Currently, there are no off-campus locations of student organizations officially recognized by the institution, including student organizations with off-campus housing facilities.

Campus Map
A map of the UAPB campus is located at: http://www.uapb.edu/sites/www/Uploads/Advancement/UAPB-Map.pdf
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*Residential Facility crime statistics are a subset of the On Campus category, i.e. they are counted in both categories.
There were no hate crimes reported in the categories above for 2017, 2018, or 2019.

There were no hate crimes reported in the categories of: murder, non-negligent manslaughter, rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, simple assault, larceny-theft, intimidation, destruction/damage/vandalism of property.

Unfounded Crimes
There were no unfounded crimes in the categories above for 2017, 2018, or 2019.

Emergencies and Reporting Crimes

- University Police & Public Safety, 1900 West Reeker Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601 (870) 575-8102 or dial 911
- Pine Bluff Police Department, 208 E. 8th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601 (870) 541-5300
- Metropolitan Emergency Communication Association (MECA) – (870) 541-5300 or dial 911
- Student Health Services- Hugh Browne Infirmary, 2103 John Kennedy Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71601 (870) 575-7107 or dial 911

Other types of emergency –
- University Police & Public Safety, 1900 West Reeker Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-8102 or dial 911
- Pine Bluff Police Department, 208 E. 8th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 541-5300 or dial 911
- Metropolitan Emergency Communication Association (MECA) –
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Crimes in violations of local, state or federal laws

- University Police & Public Safety
  1900 West Reeker Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
  (870) 575-8102
- Pine Bluff Police Department, 208 E. 8th Avenue
  Pine Bluff, AR 71601
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ACCESS TO FACILITIES
The campus’ facilities are open to members of the University and authorized visitors. Tours may be scheduled through the site coordinator when visiting the campus or by visiting us online: https://uapb.tfaforms.net/46. Visitor parking is allowed in designated areas or by temporary permit only. Permission to park on campus may be obtained visiting the Troy and Gladys Alley Information Center, 1020 N. University Dr. or by calling the site coordinator at (870) 575-8801. The administrative and classroom on campus are typically open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until the last class in session. Unless there is a special activity, during all other times not noted and during the weekend, the campus buildings are locked. The building on campus is also monitored by security cameras 24 hours a day. Students have access to residential facilities using their access cards.

Maintenance of Facilities
UAPB is committed to campus safety and security. Proper lighting and building security are major factors in reducing crime on campus. Inspections of all UAPB facilities are conducted on a regular basis and repairs are made as quickly as possible.

NOTE: All other policies and procedures outlined in this report for the Pine Bluff campus apply to the UAPB campus, unless otherwise described in this section. UAPB reports the crimes required by the Clery Act that occurred on or within an institution’s Clery Geography that were reported to a Campus Security Authority.

** CLERY ACT REQUIREMENT UPDATES: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATIONS ACT (VAWA) OF 2013**

On March 7th, 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) (Pub. Law 113-4), which, among other provisions, amended section 485(f) of the HEA, otherwise known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act). The Clery Act requires institutions of higher education to comply with certain campus safety and security related requirements as a condition of their participation in the title IV, HEA programs. Notably, VAWA amended the Clery Act to require institutions to compile statistics for incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault and to include certain policies, procedures, and programs pertaining to these incidents in their annual security reports (ASR). The sexual assault statistics are counted in the areas specified.
Crime statistics are reported by location, i.e., on-campus, non-campus, student residences, and public property. The areas for disclosure are identified as:

LOCATION DEFINITIONS

On-Campus:
- Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including the on-campus student housing.
- Any property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution but controlled by another person, is used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as food or other retail vendors). Crime statistics occurring within existing commercial lease holders within University Plaza shopping center are not reported as the business existed prior to the University’s acquisition of this property.

Non-Campus:
- Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution’s educational purposes, is frequently used by the students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Public Property:
- All public property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, such as a sidewalk, a street, other thoroughfare, or parking facility, and is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution if the facility is used in direct support of or in a manner related to the institution’s purposes.

Student Residence:
- A subset of “on-campus” crime statistics, which includes only those crimes that were reported to have occurred in on-campus student housing.
2020 Annual Security Report University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
Department of Agriculture – Regulatory Science (North Little Rock)  
UAPB-DARS (NLR)  
1333 Main Street  
North Little Rock, AR 72114  

The UAPB-DARS (NLR) serves as a satellite location for the UAPB. The site currently offers courses leading to a Bachelor’s Degree in Regulatory Science with three options: Industrial Health & Safety; Environmental Biology; and Agricultural Science. The multi-disciplinary curriculum in Regulatory Science is designed to prepare students for exciting careers related to regulatory and compliance activities with federal, state, and local governments as well as private industry. Regulatory Science, services, and resources for the residents of its service area. UAPB-DARS (NLR) is conveniently located 1.5 miles from the North Little Rock Police Department.

**Emergencies and Reporting Crime**  
The North Little Rock UAPB Campus does not have a Student Residential Housing Facility. Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to one of the offices listed below.

- **Medical Emergency and Other Types of Emergencies**  
  North Little Rock Police Department at (501) 758-1234  
  Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) (501) 301-1400  
  Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office at 501-791-7252 or dial 911
- **Violations of Local, State, and Federal Law**  
  North Little Rock Police Department at (501) 758-1234  
  Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office at 501-791-7252 or dial 911

- **Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking**  
  Although it may be difficult, it is always best to report domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to University Police or local police.  
  Individuals may report domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:  
  North Little Rock Police Department at (501) 758-1234  
  Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office at 501-791-7252

- **Other Available Resources:**  
  UAPB- DARS (NLR) Site Coordinator at 501-374-3985  
  Baptist Health Medical Center at 501-202-3000  
  Jefferson Comprehensive Counseling Associates, Inc. at (501) 319-7911

**Access to Facilities**  
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**Maintenance of Facilities**

UAPB-DARS (NLR) is committed to campus safety and security. Proper lighting and building security are major factors in reducing crime on campus and at off campus facilities. Inspections of all UAPB-DARS (NLR) facilities are conducted on a regular basis and repairs are made as quickly as possible.

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*Residential Facility crime statistics are a subset of the On Campus category, i.e. they are counted in both categories.
There were no hate crimes reported in the categories above for 2017, 2018, or 2019. There were no hate crimes reported in the categories of: murder, non-negligentmanslaughter, rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, simple assault, larceny-theft, intimidation, destruction/damage/vandalism of property.

Unfounded Crimes
There were no unfounded crimes in the categories above for 2017, 2018, or 2019.

2020 FIRE SAFETY REPORT
The Higher Education Opportunity Act, enacted on August 14, 2008, requires institutions that maintain on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that contains information about campus fire safety practices and standards of the institution. This report refers to the Pine Bluff campus, where UAPB has residential facilities.

All fires shall be reported to University Police 575-8102, Maintenance 575-8831, and Residence Life 575-7256.
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FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT HOUSING
Know the location of the fire extinguishers, exits, and pull stations in your area and know how to use them. Training and information are available from University Police.

- Safeguard life.
- Confine the fire by closing all doors as you leave. DO NOT lock the doors.
- Report fire and/or smoke by activating the nearest fire alarm.
- Call University Police at 870-575-8102.
- Do not attempt to fight the fire alone.
- Evacuate the building immediately when the building fire alarm sounds or when asked to do so by University Police or Residential Life personnel.
- Evacuation maps are located in each building on each floor. Familiarize yourself with
the evacuation plan.
- When you evacuate, do not stop for personal belongings. Leave immediately using the stairs. Do not use the elevator.
- Assist any individual who is disabled.
- Evacuate at least 500 feet from the building. Do not return to the building until instructed to do so by authorized personnel.
- To move through a smoke-clouded area, drop to your knees and crawl to the nearest evacuation exit.
- Notify both University Police and any authorized fire personnel if you suspect someone may be trapped inside the building.
- If you become trapped in a building during a fire and a window is available, place an article of clothing outside the window as a marker for emergency personnel. If no window is available, stay near the floor where the air will be less smoky. Shout at regular intervals to alert emergency personnel of your location.

**Fire Drills and Evacuations**
Each residence hall will conduct at least 1 fire drill per semester to educate and prepare residents for evacuation procedures in case of fire. All residents must evacuate the residence hall when the fire alarm sounds. Failure to exit the building during a fire drill could result in disciplinary action. Ten residential fire drills were completed this year.

**Fire Prevention**
The following items are prohibited in Residence Halls:
- Open flames
- Candles and incense
- Space heaters
- Hot plates
- Toasters/toaster ovens
- George Foreman or similar style electric grills
- Smoking

**Suggested Ways to Prevent Fire in the Residence Halls**
- Make sure that all appliances are turned off as you finish using them. This includes curling irons, irons, and blow dryers. If you have a refrigerator or any other appliance using a large electrical cord, and find it necessary to use an extension cord, the extension cord must be of the same thickness as the appliance’s cord. A smaller cord will not adequately or safely carry the necessary current.
- Avoid overloading an electrical outlet: You should not use cube plugs. Be sure that, if you do use extension cords, they are located safely and away from high traffic areas. These cords should never be frayed or have any wires exposed.
- It is important that you demonstrate your concern by noting problematic situations to others. If for any reason others are careless, you need to point this out to them so that the safety of all residents is maintained.

**Procedures Students and Employees Should Follow In Case of a Fire**
- If you discover or suspect a fire immediately evacuate the building using the nearest available exit. Do not attempt to fight a fire unless you have been trained to do so.
Sound the building fire alarm by activating the nearest pull station and or verbally sounding the alarm and knocking on doors as you evacuate the building by the nearest exit.

- Notify University Police by dialing 8102 from any campus phone, or if using a cell phone dial 911 and inform authorities of your situation and location.

- DO NOT re-enter the building for any reason until given clearance by University Police or other emergency responders on the scene.

**Reporting a Fire for Inclusion in the Fire Statistics - Reporting Fires**

Per federal law, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. Therefore, if you encounter a live fire in one of these facilities, you should immediately get to a safe place, then dial 911. Once the emergency has passed, you should notify University Police at 575-8102 to investigate and document the incident for disclosure in the University’s annual fire statistics.

If a member of the UAPB community finds evidence of a fire that has been extinguished, and the person is not sure whether University Police has already responded, the community member should immediately notify University Police at 575-8102 to investigate and document the incident for disclosure in the University’s annual fire statistics.

**Daily Fire Log**

University Police maintains a daily fire log. The daily fire log for each campus is open to public inspection and available on the UAPB website at:

- University Police:

**Fire Safety Education and Training**

The UAPB maintains a system of building coordinators who monitor facility use and conditions. Certain unit/office heads in the respective buildings are charged with monitoring and enforcing policies that ensure efficient energy use, safety and security measures, and initiating reports and work orders regarding cleanliness and needed repairs.

Building coordinators work with the Director of Facilities Management to comply with quality standards of maintenance, safety, and energy usage. Employees who observe conditions needing attention should notify the secretary of the building coordinator. A complete list of building coordinators is maintained in the Director of Facilities Management’s office. Assignment of personnel as building coordinators is a decision of the Executive Council.

United Fire Suppression, a third-party vendor, conducts semiannual inspections of all facilities on campus that have fire alarm systems. Another third-party vendor, A&A Fire and Safety Company, LLC., conducts annual inspections of all fire extinguishers on campus and makes any necessary repairs and upgrades.

All faculty, staff, and students are expected to familiarize themselves with the evacuation plan for
the buildings in which they occupy including the identified immediate evacuation area. In the residence halls, evacuation routes are posted in the hallways on every floor and students are instructed at the opening meeting and other floor meetings on evacuation procedures. Programs are also presented in residence halls on various safety issues including fire safety. Students are reminded about fire evacuation procedures during all hall meetings, floor meetings, or after problems occur during fire drills and accidental activations of the alarm.

The resident assistant (RA) on duty completes rounds that include checking fire extinguishers (gauges, missing tags), and complete Work Order Requests for any issues. In addition, cleaning staff also check and submit Work Order Requests for extinguishers that need replacement. The Residential Fire Marshall conducts periodic inspections of exit signs, detectors, doors, and pull stations within the residence halls. Work Requests are subsequently submitted to address items that require corrective action. Additionally, student rooms are thoroughly inspected during Thanksgiving, winter, spring breaks, and during the annual state fire inspection conducted by the Pine Bluff Fire Department.

Director of Residential Life, Residential Assistants and Residential Specialists receive fire safety/emergency training annually. Employees will also receive training when policy or procedures relating to fire safety change. This training will include: protocol for reporting fires, procedures for evacuating a building, and how to respond to other emergencies. Students will receive this training during the beginning of the fall semester or orientation sessions.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT**

As resources become available, the institution will continue to improve all residential and academic facilities. Currently, UAPB has plans to improve, and increase police equipment, personnel, and technology.