

# SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

## Resource Card



### Resources and Procedures for Faculty, Staff & Students

#### What is Prohibited?

- Sexual Assault
- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Stalking
- Sexual Harassment

The Title IX Compliance Office is responsible for handling Sexual Misconduct complaints.

#### **Title IX Coordinator**

229-391-4887 | [rspancake@abac.edu](mailto:rspancake@abac.edu)

#### **ABAC Police**

229-391-5060 | [police@abac.edu](mailto:police@abac.edu)

#### **Student Counseling Services** 229-391-5135

For Title IX reporting, please visit  
<https://www.abac.edu/careteam>

For full details visit <https://www.abac.edu/titleix/>

#### ABAC CARES

If you, or someone close to you, is the victim of gender-based violence, know that you are not alone. The information in this brochure will help you navigate some of what you may be experiencing. No matter what you have experienced or how you are feeling now, it is important to prioritize your safety. You don't have to go through this alone, and this information is intended to help you navigate the process.

When you report, ABAC will provide you with additional written information about your options including how to obtain supportive measures and pursue formal disciplinary and criminal investigations. You will also receive information on existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services.

#### WHAT STEPS CAN I TAKE?

If you are in a state of emergency, **call 911**.

*You do not have to choose a course of action immediately, but consider preserving evidence should you pursue charges. Possible evidence might be letters, photos, emails, messages, clothing, bedding, etc.*

- Seek Medical Care
- Contact Local Sheriff's Office
- Contact ABAC Police
  - ABAC Title IX Coordinator will assist in reporting to the local sheriff's office or ABAC Police

Contact information for on-campus and off-campus resources can be found on the back of this brochure.

ABAC will provide supportive measures and access to disciplinary proceedings whether or not you report to law enforcement.

#### HOW WILL ABAC SUPPORT ME?

Title IX Coordinator Will Assist in Obtaining:

- Counseling
- Advocacy
- Housing Assistance
- Academic Support
- Disability Services
- Health/Mental Health
- Changes To: Academic, Living, Transportation, & Working Situations

Supportive measures will be maintained as confidential to the extent possible and are independent of any law enforcement or disciplinary investigation.

## HOW WILL ABAC PROTECT ME?

- ABAC Protects Victims' Confidentiality to the Highest Degree Possible
- Information is Only Shared as Needed to Provide Supportive Measures or as Needed to Conduct an Investigation
- Confidentiality Cannot be Guaranteed if a Report is Made to ABAC Police
- ABAC Recognizes and Enforces Lawful Orders of Protection (Restraining Order, No Contact, Etc...)
- If You Have an Order of Protection, Submit it to ABAC Police and or Title IX Coordinator

A complaint alleging sexual misconduct may be made by any member of the College Community. Once received, the Title IX Coordinator will determine which type of proceeding will be used for each complaint on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration criteria including the nature of the reported incident, who is involved, and the context of and/or where it occurred.

The standard of evidence in all College proceedings is the preponderance of the evidence. Upon completion of formal adjudication proceedings, affording due process rights to all parties, sanctions, up to and including suspension and expulsion, may be applied. All parties have the right to an advisor and a fair and impartial process, the administration of which is the responsibility of the Title IX Coordinator.

## WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS?

All College disciplinary proceedings involving reports of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking on or off-campus shall be conducted promptly, fairly, and impartial from the initial investigation through resolution. Complaints will usually be resolved within 120 business days.

A formal complaint may be initiated by contacting the Title IX Coordinator. **A complete copy of the rules for the appropriate process (student, faculty, staff, or visitor) will be provided to you at that time.**

*Additional information about all of the options and resources in this brochure may be found in the ABAC Annual Security Report: [www.abac.edu/police](http://www.abac.edu/police)*

## WHAT ARE MY ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES?

**ABAC Police (24 hours)**  
229-391-5060

**Office of Student Affairs**  
**229-391-5130**

**Student Counseling Services confidential**  
229-391-5135

**Accommodation & Disability Services**  
229-391-5132

**Student Health Services confidential**  
229-391-5030

**Title IX Coordinator**  
229-391-4887

**Online Anonymous Reporting**  
<https://www.abac.edu/titleix/>

## WHAT ARE MY COMMUNITY RESOURCES?

**Local Sheriff's Office or Tifton Police Department(24 hours)**  
911

**RAINN confidential (24 hours)**  
<https://www.rainn.org>  
800.656.HOPE (4673)

**Victim Witness Assistance Program**  
229-386-7903

**National Hot-line**  
855.4VICTIM (842846) \*call or text

**Ruth's Cottage/DV Hot-line Tifton**  
229-388-1541

**Tift County Behavioral Health**  
229-391-2300

**The Haven Valdosta GA**  
229-242-1544

1-800-334-2836 Domestic Violence Hot-line

**The Lily Pad Albany Georgia**  
229-435-0074

**National Suicide Hot-line**  
1-800-273-8255

**Hospital:**

**Tift Regional Medical Center  
(24 hours)**  
229-382-7120