

Clarion University Students' Bill of Rights

The Students' Bill of Rights specifically was created to aid survivors/victims however all students who experience harm will have the following rights.

As required by Title IX and Article XX-G; Clarion University provides survivors of sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and/or intimate partner/domestic violence, or other violent acts with the following rights:

1. The right to have any and all alleged violations treated with seriousness. This includes an investigation, adjudication, or mediation to bring closure to the incident.
2. The right to be treated with dignity.
3. The right to pursue any and all avenues of redress.
4. The right to be informed of University resources, including, but not limited to, the University Police, the Office of Social Equity, Counseling Services, and the Keeling Health Center.
5. At the victim's option, the right to present alleged violations to the University Conduct Board, request that the Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Residence Life Education present charges for the survivor, or permit a designee from the Office of Judicial and Mediation Services to present charges. A University Conduct Board hearing is the preferred formal administrative procedure for these types of cases at Clarion University.
6. The right to a prompt and equitable resolution to the complaint. All hearings will examine the preponderance of the evidence presented.
7. The right, upon request, to a No Contact Order to have no unwanted contact with the accused student(s).
8. The knowledge that a Protection From Abuse Order (PFA) will be honored.
9. The right, upon request, to have a persona non grata (trespass order) filed limiting the accused students' access to particular buildings, areas of campus, and/or classroom buildings. A student may also request a housing assignment change. In some cases, an accused student or students may be placed on interim suspension from Clarion University if possible violations meet the criteria for interim suspension as outlined in the *Rights, Regulations, and Procedures Online* which may be found at www.clarion.edu/studentrights.

Survivors and/or Victims who have experienced harm are guaranteed the rights listed above in addition to the following:

1. The right to an advisor at any administrative hearing. The advisor may be any person of her/his choice and may include legal counsel at the expense of the student.
2. The right to present charges at a hearing, under the assistance of the Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Residence Life Education including all information related to the case and the right to present witnesses or other information (physical evidence) as relevant to the case.
3. The right to have only those questions relevant to the alleged violations asked during the disciplinary information gathering process and hearing. The University Conduct Board, or

hearings officer may exclude statements and questions concerning the prior sexual history of any party if deemed irrelevant.

4. The right to provide a victim's impact statement verbally or in writing to the University Conduct Board or hearings officer.
5. The right to be present and hear all information and evidence related to the alleged violation(s) and ask questions of all involved parties including witnesses and the accused student(s). The complainant and accused student(s) will not directly ask questions of each other as to not perpetuate a hostile environment any further. The complainant may also choose to be included via conference call from a safe and undisclosed location rather than be present in the room with the accused student(s).
6. The right to be notified of the outcome of disciplinary proceedings in writing within 24 hours of the signed decision of the University Conduct Board or administrative hearings officer. Information will be provided to the complainant on the first business day following the signing of the decision letter if the decision letter is approved on a Friday and/or day prior to a University closure. The accused student(s) are also notified within the same timeframe.
7. The right to submit an appeal based on the set appeals criteria utilized by all students involved in formal administrative hearings.

There are several offices available to assist survivors/victims of crime and/or students who have experienced harm on or off campus including the University Police, Keeling Health Center, Counseling Services, Office of Social Equity, PASSAGES, SAFE, and the Office of Judicial and Mediation Services. Further information may be obtained on-line at www.clarion.edu/judicial through the Office of Judicial and Mediation Services or through the Office of Social Equity at www.clarion.edu/socialequity. University Police may be reached at (814) 393-2111 to report an incident directly to the Police or go to www.clarion.edu/crimestats for information pertaining to Clery Statistics for Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Additional information pertaining to resources and more information related to reporting may be found in the *Rights, Regulations, and Procedures Online* at www.clarion.edu/studentrights.