

# **University of Western States Report on Sexual Misconduct Academic Year 2023-2024**

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## Introduction

University of Western States (UWS) maintains a strong commitment to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment where all members of our community have equal access to our programs and activities. The following policies are currently in place to protect students and employees from harassment, discrimination, and/or sexual violence:

- [Policy 1004 Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment](#)
- [Policy 1016 Title IX Sexual Harassment](#)
- [Policy 9002 Title IX Pregnancy and Pregnancy-Related Conditions](#)

Additionally, student and employee conduct and behavior expectations, which outline requirements for professional conduct in the learning and work environment, are set forth in these policies:

- [Policy 1006 Employee Conduct and Behavior Expectations](#)
- [Policy 9001 Student Conduct](#)

Together, these policies provide expectations for behavior in all settings associated with the university, a structure for offering remedies and supportive measures for students and employees that may have experienced prohibited conduct, including sexual misconduct, and a process for investigation and resolution of complaints.

Note that UWS was prevented by court injunction from implementing the 2024 Title IX regulations. As a result, UWS continues to implement Title IX protections in accordance with the 2020 regulations.

## Reports of Sexual Misconduct

The below table outlines the reports of sexual misconduct reported by students or employees of the institution and the associated outcomes. The UWS academic year runs from the summer 2023 term through the spring 2024 term.

	<b>AY 23-24</b>
Number of allegations of intimate partner violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment and stalking that were reported to the institution's Title IX coordinator by a student or employee of the institution against another student or employee of the institution	0
Number of law enforcement investigations known to have been initiated in response to reports of sexual misconduct that were brought forward by a student or employee of the institution against another student or employee of the institution	0
Number of students and employees at the institution who were found responsible for violating the institution's policies prohibiting sexual misconduct	0
Number of students and employees at the institution who were investigated, but found not responsible for having violated the institution's policies prohibiting sexual misconduct	0
Number of students at the institution who requested supportive measures	0
Number of supportive measures requested by each student	N/A
Number of supportive measures granted to each student	0

*Number of students during the previous academic year who took a leave of absence, transferred to a different institution of higher education or withdrew from the institution of higher education	110
The number of students or employees of the institution who reported experiencing sexual misconduct at the institution but who declined to participate or requested no investigation	0
The number of ongoing investigations into an accusation of sexual misconduct	0

\*This figure includes the aggregate number of students who were withdrawn (temporarily or permanently) from UWS for any reason in AY23-24. This includes students who temporarily withdrew from their academic program, then returned on an agreed-upon schedule, and students who officially or unofficially withdrew from UWS for any reason, including transfer.

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