TITLE IX POLICIES AND INQUIRIES

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681, prohibits discrimination based on gender in all programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.

A primary purpose of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education’s Diversity and Sexual Violence Plan is to inform campuses in the Massachusetts State University System of each university’s prohibition of all forms of discrimination, discriminatory harassment, sexual violence, sexual and gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and retaliation; efforts to prevent such behaviors; and the manner in which each university will respond to such behaviors, including the prompt, impartial, fair and thorough investigation and resolution of complaints.

Title IX forbids sex discrimination in all university Student Services and Academic programs including, but not limited to, Admissions, Financial Aid, Academic advising, Office of Residence Life and housing, Athletics, Health Services, Counseling, Office of Student Accessibility Services, Registrar’s office, and classroom assignments, grading and discipline. Title IX also forbids discrimination because of sex in employment and recruitment consideration or selection, whether full or part time, under any education program or activity operated by an institution receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.

Worcester State University has equitable procedures in place to promptly, thoroughly and fairly address concerns and complaints of harassment or discrimination while being mindful of the rights and unique needs of all parties and of due process. In certain instances Title IX issues may impact a student’s academic performance and decisions regarding withdrawals, repeats, and the ability to continue in high-stakes programs need to be made. Academic accommodations related to Title IX will be handled on a case by case basis by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or her/his designee.

Complaints, Questions and reports may be made by contacting Jennifer Quinn, Dir. of Title IX and Alcohol & Drug Prevention Education at 508-929-8243, Jquinn@worcester.edu or wsu_titleix@worcester.edu. For more information, please visit the Title IX website.