UNIVERSITY POLICIES

University-Wide Nondiscrimination Policy

Statement

Designated Title IX Coordinator

Fordham University is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Violence Against Women Act, and other federal, state, and local laws.

Fordham University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, gender, national origin, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, citizenship status, veteran status, disability, genetic predisposition, carrier status, or any other basis prohibited by law.

This policy is strictly enforced by the University, and alleged violations receive prompt attention and appropriate corrective action. The University will take steps to prevent discrimination and harassment, to prevent the recurrence of discrimination and harassment, and will take appropriate steps to remedy the effects of discrimination.

The Director of Institutional Equity and Compliance is the University’s compliance officer for all forms of discrimination and is specifically designated as the University’s 504 Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for the University’s Title IX compliance efforts to ensure that violations of University policies are properly addressed, including gender equity in athletics, employment, and admission. This also includes all forms of discrimination, limitations on consensual relationships, sex and gender discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault/rape, exploitation, and other sexual misconduct, stalking, dating violence, and domestic violence, and intimidation and retaliation for filing such complaints. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities and extends to employment and admission.

Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and its implementing regulation may be referred to the University’s designated Title IX Coordinator listed below or to:

Assistant Secretary of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
U.S. Department of Education
Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-1100

Call the OCR toll free at 800-421-3481 or 800-877-8339 (TDD), or contact the OCR’s New York office at ocr.newyork@ed.gov or 646-428-3800.

Fordham’s Title IX coordinator may be contacted at 718-817-3112 or TitleIX@fordham.edu.

Anastasia Coleman
Director of Institutional Equity and Compliance
Title IX Coordinator and 504 / ADA Compliance Officer
Cunniff House, Room 114 | Rose Hill Campus
718-817-3112 | TitleIX@fordham.edu

Notice Regarding the Clery Act

Fordham University is committed to the safety and security of members of the Fordham community. As part of this commitment and in fulfillment of our obligations under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Fordham publishes an annual security and fire safety report. The report contains information about the incidence of fires and certain categories of crime on Fordham campuses as well as important information about Fordham University safety and security policies, tips for staying safe, and important telephone numbers. Hard copies of the report are available upon request by contacting the University’s Associate Vice President for Safety and Security at 718-817-2222 or by writing to:

Associate Vice President for Safety and Security
Thebaud Annex, Fordham University
441 East Fordham Rd.
Bronx, NY 10458

The report can also be accessed at: fordham.edu/info/20017/public_safety.

Affirmative Action Policy

The University’s Affirmative Action Program provides the means to recruit, employ, and promote women and other underrepresented minorities in the interest of attaining workplace diversity. The director of equity and equal opportunity is available to all members of the Fordham community for consultation, training, and orientation for those methods and initiatives that advance a more diversified workforce and ensure nondiscrimination, access to equal employment opportunities, and fair treatment of individuals. It is the responsibility of the director to monitor and report regularly on the University’s efforts to achieve diversity and compliance with all laws pertaining to nondiscrimination. In addition, the director is a designated contact person for complaints alleging workplace discrimination, including complaints of sexual harassment.

Support Services for Students with Disabilities

Fordham University treats students with disabilities in a nondiscriminatory manner and will make reasonable accommodations, and provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services, to assist otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities in achieving success in programs by providing services and facilities in accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Applicants who have been accepted for admission or current students who are seeking accommodation for a disability should contact the director of disability services at the following locations:

Lincoln Center Campus | 45 Columbus Ave., Room 106
212-636-6282

Westchester Campus | 914-367-3230

Rose Hill Campus | O’Hare Hall | 718-817-0655

Catholic and Jesuit Tradition

The distinctive Catholic and Jesuit tradition of Fordham University is an important part of its present identity and mission. For this reason, the University considers it a priority to recruit qualified Jesuits from the existing pool of Jesuit scholar-teachers. Any initiatives the University
takes in pursuit of this priority will always take into consideration the needs of individual departments and the appropriate University procedures for hiring faculty.

Campus Safety

The Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will provide, upon request, all campus crime statistics as reported to the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education website is ed.gov. Fordham University provides campus crime statistics on its website, fordham.edu. Requests for a hard copy can be directed to the University’s director of security by phone at 718-817-2222 or in writing to:

Director of Security at Thebaud Annex, Fordham University
441 E. Fordham Rd.
Bronx, N.Y. 10458

Bulletin Information

While every effort has been made to provide accurate and current information, the Graduate School of Education reserves the right to withdraw or modify, without notice, any policies, procedures, fees, programs of study, academic calendar, courses, faculty, or other items listed in this bulletin, or to make any other changes it considers necessary or desirable. Statements made in this bulletin are for informational purposes only. Students are responsible for learning and following all program-related criteria, including deadlines and graduation requirements and procedures. For additional information, write or call the Office of the Dean or the chairperson of the division in which the program of interest is offered.

Reserved Rights of the University

The University reserves the right, at its discretion, at any time, to deny matriculated status, to cancel a student’s registration, to refuse to award academic credit, or to deny or rescind a certificate or a degree in accordance with the University statutes and its academic policies. All forms of dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, may result in appropriate disciplinary action, including denial or revocation of a degree or certificate.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Policy

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. They are:

• The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a written request for access. A student should submit to the Office of Academic Records-Fordham University Enrollment Group at the Rose Hill campus, the Lincoln Center campus, or the Law School registrar, if applicable, a written request that identifies the record(s) he/she wishes to inspect. The Office of Academic Records-Enrollment Group will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

• The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading. A student may ask the University to amend a record that he/she believes is inaccurate or misleading. The student should write the University registrar, or the Law School registrar, clearly identifying the part of the record he/she wants changed, and specifically why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

• The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One of the exceptions that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, collection agent, contractor, consultant, volunteer), or other outside parties under the direct control of the University with respect to the use and maintenance of education records; a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as on a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon the request of officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, the University may disclose educational records without the student’s consent.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Fordham University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

Additional information can be found at http://fordham.edu/info/21366/policies/2781/family_educational_rights_and_privacy_act_ferpa_policy.

Academic Integrity

Please refer to University Academic Integrity Policy. If there are questions, please contact the GSE Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.