JEANNE CLERY DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICIES & CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS ACT

The 2014 Clery Report for the SIT Graduate Institute, Washington DC Center
Introduction

The requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act mandates that all institutions receiving federal funds (e.g., financial aid) report and publish certain crime statistics and policies. This annual report available on the SIT website has therefore been designed to make this information readily available to current and prospective students, faculty, and staff.

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to:
- publish an annual report every year that contains three previous years of campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements
- Disclosure of crime statistics for the campus, public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus, and certain non-campus facilities. The statistics must be gathered from local law enforcement and other University officials and Campus Security Authorities who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities.
- Provide “timely warning” notices of crimes and emergencies that have occurred and pose an ongoing threat to members of the campus community.
- Established procedures for responses to missing students as defined in the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

The Dean and Assistant Dean of Students are responsible to prepare and distribute the report for the DC Center. This report is also available on the SIT Graduate Institute website: http://www.sit.edu/graduate/cs-safety-security.cfm

Members of the SIT Graduate Institute DC center community are sent a notice that describes the report and the web address. For a paper copy of the report, contact the DC Student Affairs Coordinator at 202.464.6566, or the Dean of Students at 802.258-3570.

The responsibility of crime prevention and campus safety is shared jointly by all at SIT. In fact, community awareness and involvement are the most important factors in crime prevention. Successful prevention depends largely on each person following sound security practices, and on people recognizing and immediately reporting suspicious or criminal activity.

In sum, guaranteeing safety and security at SIT requires the personal awareness and active prevention of all students, program participants, faculty, and staff.

Safety and Security

Emergency Procedures

Policy Statement Addressing How to Report Criminal Offenses
Since our DC Center does not have a public safety department, to report a crime contact the DC Metro Police Department at (202) 715-7300 (non-emergencies), or dial 911 (emergencies only). Any suspicious activity or person(s) seen in the DC Center Building should also be reported to the following Graduate Institute staff:
1. DC Student Affairs Coordinator; Joyce Howland; 202-464-6566; DC Center, 11th floor; joyce.howland@sit.edu
2. Dean, DC Center; Preeti Shroff-Mehta; 202-464-6745; DC Center, 11th Floor; preeti.shroff-mehta@sit.edu
3. Program Coordinator, Anthony Green; 202-464-6980; DC Center, 11th floor; 
anthony.green@sit.edu

You can also use the following numbers and resources below:

**How to Report Emergencies and Criminal Activity**
911 is the best way to dial emergency services. For non-emergencies, dial local support services directly:

- Fire 202.625.9100
- Police 202.625.9100
- Rescue 202.625.9100
- DC Anonymous Tip Line 202.727.9099
- DC Anonymous Tip Text 50411
- DC Rape Crisis Center 202.333.RAPE (7273)
- Poison Control Center 202.625.3333
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1.800.273.8255

**FIRE**
In Case of Fire:

- Sound the fire alarm
- Leave the building
- Call 911

**MEDICAL**
If you have a medical emergency, call 911

**Timely Warnings**
Anytime that a serious situation or emergency arises either in the DC Center or in the immediate area of the center that in the judgment of either the Dean or DC Student Affairs Coordinator in consultation with the Dean of Students, poses an ongoing or continuing threat to the DC Center community, a campus “Timely Warning” will be issued. This warning will be posted through the SIT/WL Alert System, voice mail or telephone notification, e-mail, posted on the Institution website, posted notices, public address announcements, and direct contact with individuals.

**Voluntary Confidential Reporting**
If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action through the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making an anonymous report by calling the DC Metro Police Crime Tip Hotline at (202) 727-9099 or text at 50411. The purpose of an anonymous report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With *Policy* such information, the Graduate Institute can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the college community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution.

Any member of the DC Center community may also report violations of the law or other matters of concern to the Dean or DC Student Affairs Coordinator Offices. All reports received will be responded to in the appropriate manner. Anyone with knowledge of a crime or possible crime should contact the DC Student Affairs Coordinator at 202.464.6566.
Annual Report

The Dean of Students and the DC Student Affairs Coordinator are responsible to obtain, review and report all the needed aspects of the annual report. Crime statistics from the required geographical areas to SIT/World Learning from local law enforcement jurisdictions are requested as required.

To whom Crimes should be reported
While SIT does not have a full-time security officer or staff, the Clery Act requires that the following persons: DC Student Affairs Coordinator and Dean for DC Graduate Center and the Dean of Students designated as SIT's Chief Campus Security Officials (CCSAs) notify the institution about crimes they have learned about from persons believed to be acting in good faith. They do not have authority to arrest individuals, but do have responsibility for the following:

- Implementing, communicating, and reviewing policies and programs designed to enhance the safety awareness of students, staff, and faculty.
- Implementing and communicating procedures for crime reporting
- Serving as first-responder to crime incidents 24/7
- As appropriate, investigating and documenting crimes with the assistance of the DC Metro police
- Maintaining a case history of reported crimes
- With the assistance of the Dean of Students Office, preparing an annual report of crime statistics

The Chief Campus Security Authorities also receive reports from other designated “Campus Security Authorities” (CSA). CSA’s are staff members who have “significant responsibilities for student and campus activities, including but not limited to student housing, discipline, and other student services. These persons are listed as follows:

DC Student Affairs Coordinator
Dean, DC Graduate Center
Program Coordinator
Director of International Student Services

Access to Buildings and Facilities

The SIT DC Center’s main entrance area access doors are open between the hours of 7:30am and 6:00pm. There is a reception desk with a security officer. The main access doors, access to the elevator and the 11th floor is only accessible with a magnetized fob and must be utilized between the hours of 6:00pm and 7:30am. Access to the rest of the building during this time is restricted.

Access to the DC Center building after hours and on weekends is limited unless there are classes or other authorized functions being held.

Policy Statement Addressing Disclosures to Alleged Victims of Crimes of Violence or Non-forcible Sex Offenses
SIT Student Affairs will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary hearing conducted by the college against the student who is the alleged perpetrator of the crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of the crime or
offense, SIT Student Affairs will provide the results of the disciplinary hearing to the victim’s next of kin, if so requested.

Crime Prevention and Safety Tips

*All members of the campus community have to assist themselves from becoming a victim of crime by following basic crime prevention practices:*

- Be alert and walk purposefully. Stay alert to what is going on around you.
- Travel, walk or park in well-lit areas and with a companion whenever possible. Avoid lonely or gloomy places, especially at night. Whenever possible try to walk facing traffic. Ask anyone who gives you a ride to wait until you have safely entered your building.
- Respect your intuition. Don’t allow rationality to override your "gut feeling" – it could protect you from danger. Call for help if you feel something is just not right at 911 if you feel it’s an emergency.
- Be wary of strangers, on foot or in cars, asking directions – it’s better to be rude than to be in trouble.
- If someone follows you, go to a place where there are other people and then call the police immediately.
- Be careful about giving out information concerning yourself and where you live.
- Be cautious when using elevators. Stand near the buttons and get off immediately if you are suspicious of other occupants.
- Take a self-defense course. Check with your local community health clubs and police department for availability.

Personal Safety in Your Off-Campus Living Area

- Lock your door when you are at home ... lock your door when you are away. Please lock your door always!
- Report any suspicious activity immediately, including anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Pull the shades to your room at night and lock your windows.

Educational Programs

- SIT periodically offers self-defense instruction. Participation is open to students, faculty, and staff.
- An annual comprehensive training that addresses gender issues, cross-cultural relationships, sexual harassment and sexual assault is offered each fall at SIT. Participation is voluntary.

DC Center Students are required to attend a security briefing led by the DC Student Affairs Coordinator during the orientation period. New faculty and staff receive this same information during an orientation briefing; security reminders are sent as needed, at least annually.

Missing Persons Policy:

DC Graduate students – along with faculty and staff – live in their own accommodations in the surrounding DC area. The requirement to report a policy for missing students under the Clery Act applies only to on-campus student housing and is not applicable to this location. In the unlikely event a report of a missing student is received by the Dean or DC Student Affairs Coordinator, they, in conjunction with the Dean of Student’s office have procedures in place to address this concern.
Alcohol and Drug Use Policy

Statement of Philosophy
In keeping with its mission, it is the intent of SIT to provide an environment that fosters tolerance, commitment to learning, personal development, and respect for others. While there is some latitude for individual choice regarding the personal use of alcohol, that freedom of choice exists within certain guidelines. Students and staff are required to obey all federal, state, and local laws regarding the possession, use, and distribution of alcohol; comply with SIT alcohol policies; and take full responsibility for their conduct. This includes respect for individual rights and property. Behavior which threatens to create disorder, public disturbance, damage to oneself or to others, or that otherwise interferes with the proper functioning of the institution will not be tolerated. SIT expressly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of any controlled substance on its premises or during any of its sponsored activities by students or staff.

District of Columbia Law
District of Columbia law controls the possession and sale of alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs within the District of Columbia. A person must be at least 21 years of age to buy or drink beer, wine, mixed alcoholic beverages, and spirituous liquor. Any person under the age of 21 who orders, pays for, purchases, or consumes alcoholic beverages, or provides false information as to name, age, or identification in order to obtain said beverages, is subject to a fine of up to $500 and/or imprisonment of up to six months. Additionally, any person who sells or furnishes alcohol to a minor is subject to a fine up to $1,000 and/or imprisonment up to two years. Finally, the law prohibits the sale or dispensing of alcohol to an intoxicated individual.

Use and/or possession of illegal drugs could result in fines ranging from $500 to $2,000 or more, and imprisonment from six months to one year or more. Sale and/or distribution of illegal drugs could result in fines of $10,000 to $100,000 or more and imprisonment up to five years or more.

Inappropriate behavior as described above is subject to disciplinary action by SIT Graduate Institute officials.

Those studying or working outside the District of Columbia are responsible for obeying all applicable state and local laws.

Violations
Students who violate the SIT Alcohol and Drug Policy are subject to disciplinary action and may face possible criminal or civil liability. Such persons may be referred to law enforcement authorities for prosecution and/or referred to substance abuse programs for evaluation or treatment.

SIT Alcohol Policy Code of Conduct
Consumption of alcohol, within the limits of state and local law, may be permitted under the following guidelines:

- You must be 21 years of age to drink alcohol in the United States.
- Students must obey state and local laws, and take full responsibility for their conduct.
- Behavior must be respectful of the rights of others, including roommates, other students, and employees. Officials or administrators of World Learning/SIT have the right to request and expect inappropriate behavior to stop. Behavior which is not permitted includes:
  - Actions which violate the right to quiet
  - Destruction of property
  - Behavior which is clearly offensive to and/or interferes with the rights of others (including physically or sexually abusive behavior)
  - Behavior which affects on-the-job performance
o Behavior that causes embarrassment or otherwise interferes with the proper functioning of the institution.
  - It is illegal to supply alcohol for anyone under the age of 21.
  - Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal.
  - Guests and visitors of staff and students are required to abide by the above policies.

**Sponsoring Events Where Alcohol is Served**
There may be campus events where alcohol is served. In keeping with District of Columbia laws and campus alcohol and drug policy, the following rules apply:

- All student events where alcohol is to be served must be approved by the DC Student Affairs Coordinator (202.464-6566).
- At any event where alcohol is served, there must be a designated individual who agrees to ensure that all people consuming alcohol are 21 years of age or older and that alcohol is served responsibly.
- When alcohol is served at an event, food and an equal amount of non-alcoholic beverages (such as soda and juice) must also be provided.
- A bartender must be secured to distribute alcohol at any event where alcohol is purchased with World Learning or SIT funds.

**Resources for Substance Abuse Counseling and Treatment**
World Learning/SIT supports the prevention of substance abuse and encourages the rehabilitation of those who may be affected by drug or alcohol problems. Information and counseling is available through the VT Counseling Office (802-258-3367), as well as through the following community resources:
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)—202 966-9115 (Information on AA meetings and support for recovering alcoholics)
- Narcotics Anonymous—800 543-4670 or 202 399-5316 (Support for recovering drug users)

**Sexual Assault Policy**

**Sexual Assault (Including Acquaintance and Stranger Rape)**
Sexual assault may fall by definition within the scope of sexual harassment and may be subject to criminal prosecution. SIT must refer all alleged incidents of sexual assault to law enforcement authorities. Such conduct must be addressed by SIT in conjunction with any external criminal proceedings.

Sexual assault is defined as any sexual act that is perpetrated without the consent of the victim. The type of force employed may involve physical violence, coercion, or the threat of harm to any person. A victim is considered unable to consent, therefore sexually assaulted, if he/she is (1) mentally incapacitated or physically helpless due to drugs or intoxicants; (2) cognitively impaired; (3) unaware that the sexual act is taking place; (4) under 16 years of age, except where the persons are married and the act is consensual; or (5) under 18 years of age when the accused: (a) is a parent of entrusted by law to care for the victim; (b) uses a position of authority over the victim to persuade him/her to submit.

Examples of acts defined as sexual assault by state law and World Learning/SIT policy include forcible rape by an acquaintance or stranger, incest, sexual abuse of minors, and sexual assaults that do not involve penetration.

**For immediate assistance following sexual assault, an individual can contact:**

- DC Rape Crisis Center: 202-333-RAPE (7273) (24 hours a day)
- DC Metro Police Department: 911
A student who believes she or he may have experienced sexual assault is encouraged to seek medical care and supportive counseling as soon as possible. After an assault has occurred, evidence for proof of a criminal offense may be collected during a medical examination at the local hospital facility. Please contact the hospital or the DC Rape Crisis Center for directions on procedures to follow for collection of evidence.

**Counseling services are available through:**

- Counseling, advocacy, and safe housing is available through the DC Rape Crisis Center: 202.333.7273
- SIT Counseling Office: 802.258.3367
- Referrals to other therapists and support services in the DC Metro area

**To report an incident of sexual assault, contact one of the following:**

- DC Student Affairs Coordinator: 202.464.6566
- Dean, DC Graduate Center: 202.464.6745
- Dean of Students: 802.258.3570

Sexual assault survivors may pursue a formal complaint through local law enforcement authorities by contacting the DC Metro Police Department at 911. SIT personnel will assist in the notification of these authorities if requested by the student.

**Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires colleges and universities to issue a statement advising the campus community where state law enforcement agency information concerning registered sex offender may be obtained. The act also requires registered sex offenders to provide state officials notice of each institution of higher education in that state at which the offender is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student.

**How to Inquire**

Members of the SIT Graduate Institute community may request information about sex offenders in the District of Columbia at the DC Metropolitan Police Department, Sex Offender Registry Unit, at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW 20001, phone: (202) 727-4407, or email at sexoffender.registry@dc.gov.

**Crime Statistics**

**Reporting Areas:**

SIT DC Graduate Center reports incidents for its “on-campus” and “non-campus” facilities and is also required to report crimes that occur on “public property”.

**On-Campus** - which are defined as "any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution that is owned by the institution."

SIT’s on-campus property is located on the 11th floor of 1015 15th Street NW, Washington DC, 20005.

**Non-Campus** - SIT’s non-campus properties include those portions of facilities controlled by SIT and used for SIT purposes, but which are not located in the immediate campus area. **At this time the SIT DC Graduate Center does not have any non-campus properties.**
Public Property - At the SIT DC Graduate Center, this category includes the exterior areas of the building, parking facilities and sidewalks surrounding and across from the facility. These reported statistics include the blocks surrounding the property at 1015 15th Street NW and include 15th Street, Vermont Avenue, K Street and L Street.

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Referrals for SIT Disciplinary Action

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| Drug Law Violations Related             | 0 0 0       | 0 0 0       | 0 0 0           | 0 0 0 |
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**Residence Halls**
The DC Graduate Center does not have on-campus Residence Halls

**Hate Crimes**
The following statistics are reported for crimes that have manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim's actual or perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, gender identity, national origin, or disability.

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**Definitions for Campus Crime Reporting**

Criminal Homicide: Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Criminal Homicide: Manslaughter by Negligence

The killing of another person through gross negligence

Sex Offenses-Forcible

Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that persons will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

- **Forcible Rape:**
  The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth).

- **Forcible Sodomy:**
  Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

- **Sexual Assault With An Object:**
  The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

- **Forcible Fondling:**
  The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification; forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Sex Offenses/Non-forcible

- Unlawful, non-forceful sexual intercourse.

- **Incest:** Non-forceful sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

- **Statutory Rape:** Non-forceful sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Domestic Violence

Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction… or by any other person against an adult or youth
victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

**Dating Violence**

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Stalking**

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.

**Robbery**

The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault**

An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. (It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.)

**Burglary**

The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

**Motor Vehicle Theft**

The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned, including joyriding.)

**Hate (Prejudice) Crimes**

Crimes (murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, manslaughter, arson, etc.) involving bodily injury to any person in which the victim is intentionally selected because of actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, national origin, or disability condition.

**Arson**
Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another.

**Weapon Law Violations**

The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapons offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts commit any of the aforementioned.

**Drug Abuse Violations**

Violations of State and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

**Liquor Law Violations**

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)