The policies, procedures, and protocols of One Process ensure the University’s compliance with various federal, state, and local laws, and are deeply grounded in Dominican’s identity and culture of commitment to social justice and the common good.

Our Catholic and Sinsinawa Dominican identity, mission, and legacy all affirm the inherent dignity, value, and equality of each human person.

Our institutional mission, vision, and values must always consciously be translated into specific actions, behaviors, procedures, and patterns of mutual accountability—not merely assumed.

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CTA: To report an incident, contact:
• the Title IX Coordinator
  Matt Hlinak, Assistant Provost
  Mazzuchelli North 358, 773-612-5797
• a Title IX Deputy Coordinator
  Norah Collins Pienta, Dean of Students
  Crown 100, 708-524-6279
  Roberta McMahon, Human Resources
  Lewis 129, 708-524-6790
  Carol Seley, Campus Safety
  Main Garage 105, 708-524-6953
• a Confidential Victim Advocate
• a Dominican University employee

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• Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct
• Bias-Motivated Offensive Conduct
• Discrimination
• Hate Crimes
• Discrimination against individuals on the basis of Physical or Mental Disability
Reporting - Know the Options

The purpose of reporting an incident is to maintain a healthy, safe campus for all. Reporting enables Dominican University to provide its community members with assistance and support, to collect information to assess the climate of the campus, and to remediate incidents and prevent their recurrence.

Who can I talk to?
Employees on campus have different abilities to maintain a complainant’s confidentiality.

Members of the Dominican community are Responsible Employees
DU employees (faculty, staff, administration, and student employees) are required to report incident details to the Title IX Coordinator. A report to an employee (called “Responsible Employees”) constitutes a report to the University and generally obligates Dominican University to investigate the incident and take appropriate steps to address the situation.

Who can I talk to confidentially?
A Confidential Victim Advocate may talk to a complainant in confidence but is also required to fill out an anonymous university report that keeps identities private. No personally identifying information is released. Under most circumstances disclosures to these employees will not trigger a university investigation against the complainant’s wishes.

Is it possible to talk things over without triggering an investigation?
For Students Only: Wellness Center professional counselors and health care professionals are required to maintain near complete confidentiality. Talking to them is sometimes called a “privileged communication.”

Anonymous Online Reporting
Although Dominican University encourages victims to speak with someone, an online resource is available for filing anonymous reports.

www.dom.edu/diversity/help-central
An individual may report the incident without disclosing their name, identifying the respondent or requesting any action.

Support Services
When a report is received, the University may provide support services. The complainant and respondent also receive a list of campus and community resources.

Alternative Dispute Resolution
If both parties agree to mediation or other options to resolve the dispute, the complaint ends with a resolution. If mediation or other forms of resolving the dispute are not possible, the complaint is investigated.

Administrative or Hearing Board Resolution
Depending on the alleged policy violations and the relationship of the parties to the University, an administrative process will resolve the complaint, or a Hearing Board will be convened.

Investigation
Two trained investigators will interview the complainant, respondent, and any witnesses. The investigators will produce a report for the Hearing Board to decide the case, OR they will recommend a finding. In either resolution, the finding is based on the preponderance of the evidence.

Possible outcomes include:
Finding of Responsibility - the respondent is found to have violated University policy
Finding of Not Responsible - the respondent is found not to have violated University Policy
No Finding - the evidence is insufficient to determine if University policy was violated.

Appeal
The Letter of Findings includes appeal procedures.