

## **Sexual Misconduct Campus Climate Survey**

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### ***How to Take the Survey***

#### **Where do I find the link to the survey?**

Each student has been sent the link to the survey and unique login information via their Elmhurst University email.

#### **How long does the survey take?**

The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete on average, although the exact time will vary. You can choose to skip or not answer any of the questions, and you may stop your participation at any time.

#### **Who will be able to participate in the survey?**

Students who are enrolled at Elmhurst University during Fall 2024 at the time of the survey will be eligible to participate. All respondents must be at least 18 years old to complete the questionnaire. To comply with international privacy laws, eligibility is limited to students who are physically located in the United States at time of survey completion.

#### **Can I take the survey from my smartphone or other mobile device?**

Yes. The survey is optimized for the smaller screens of smartphones and other mobile devices. To take the survey on your smartphone, click on the link in the email.

#### **If I am interrupted while taking the survey, will my answers be saved?**

No, to maintain anonymity of the survey your responses are not saved on your device or connected to your name or IP address. You can take breaks when completing the survey, however if you close your browser and return, you will be re-started at the beginning.

## **What kinds of accessibility accommodations have been made for the survey-takers?**

The survey was designed with accessibility in mind and complies with accessibility standards. It is fully compatible for individuals using speech-to-text software and screen reader technology via Qualtrics.

## ***Survey Content***

### **Who created the survey questions?**

The survey questions were written by an Illinois Board of Higher Education State Task Force and provided to the University. Institutions are expected to give the survey to students exactly how it appears in the [State Task Force report](#) with the exception of a few modifiable questions. In order to better understand the survey results, questions were added regarding general demographics.

### **What demographic questions are asked in the survey?**

Questions about your age, gender identity, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and if you have a disability are asked. Additional questions related to your University status such as year you first enrolled, participation in campus services/activities, and participation in an online program are also asked. You may skip any question you do not wish to answer.

### **What type of questions does the survey ask about?**

The survey asks questions about perceptions of student wellness and campus safety, understanding of resources, consent, and your experiences with the following types of harm in the last 12 months or (for new students) in Fall 2024: sexual and gender harassment; stalking; dating and domestic violence; and sexual violence.

### **Is the survey required, and am I allowed to skip a question?**

Participation is voluntary. Further, if you take the survey, you can skip any questions that you do not wish to answer or stop at any time and not complete it.

### **I feel uncomfortable taking the survey, what do I do?**

We want to understand the experiences of students related to sexual misconduct, however, the survey is optional. If you believe the survey will cause you emotional distress, you do not have to take the survey. We respect your decision to take or not

take the survey. Your well-being is crucial.

### ***Data Privacy and Use***

#### **Is the survey confidential or anonymous?**

Per state law, the survey responses are anonymous. The University will not know who has completed the survey based on the results. You will be asked to sign in via the University's single sign on process, however no identifiable information is retained in the Qualtrics survey responses.

#### **I hold a unique identity or am a member of a small demographic group. Will I be identified?**

To protect your privacy, no one at the University will know the identity of who completes the survey. However, we are very sensitive to the possibility that aggregated reports of survey data could unintentionally identify University community members who belong to unique or small demographic groups. We are required to report aggregate data for each question to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. If you are concerned about re-identification based on a small demographic group, you may skip the concerning question/s.

#### **Will my professors or University leaders be able to see my responses?**

No. The survey data does not contain any personally identifiable information; thus, we will not know who completed the survey. Data will be reported in aggregate and shared with a small group of University leaders to better understand how to improve the campus climate.

#### **Can my responses be used in a student conduct or Title IX investigation?**

No. We will not know who completed the survey. In addition, the state law provides the following: "No institution may use or attempt to use information collected through the sexual misconduct climate survey to identify or contact any individual student on campus, nor shall the results of the survey be used as the basis for any type of investigation or disciplinary or legal proceeding."

#### **Where will the results be published?**

An aggregate summary of the results will be submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for publication. In addition, campus level results will be published on the University's Title IX website.

## ***Additional Questions***

### **How often will this survey be administered?**

In accordance with state law, the survey will be administered annually. This year (Fall 2024-Spring 2025) only, it will be administered in both semesters; thereafter, it will **only** be administered each Spring semester.

### **What is the purpose of the survey?**

The purpose of the University's *Sexual Misconduct Campus Climate Survey* is to measure the perceptions of and experiences with sexual misconduct and the University's response to allegations of sexual misconduct. The survey is completely anonymous and voluntary, and your individual responses will be confidential.

### **When does the survey close?**

The survey will be open to students October 24, 2024, and closes December 2, 2024.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions about survey?**

For questions or concerns about the survey or sexual misconduct matters, please contact the Title IX Office:

*Ms. Natalie Brouwer*  
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Office of Student Affairs  
Frick Center 240B  
Elmhurst University  
190 Prospect Avenue  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 617-3341  
[TitleIX@elmhurst.edu](mailto:TitleIX@elmhurst.edu)

### **Who do I contact if the survey causes me emotional distress or reignites trauma?**

If you feel traumatized or the onset of emotional distress during or after the survey, please contact any of these confidential support options:

- **University Student Counseling Services:** Niebuhr Hall, Lower Level, (630) 617-3565, [studenthealth@elmhurst.edu](mailto:studenthealth@elmhurst.edu)
- **24/7 Confidential Advisor - YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Rape Crisis Center for DuPage County,** (888) 293-2080, [duplicateadvocacy@ywcachicago.org](mailto:duplicateadvocacy@ywcachicago.org)
- **24/7 Confidential Teletherapy - Uwill:** (833) 646-1526, [support@uwill.com](mailto:support@uwill.com)

**The survey will be available beginning October 24, 2024, and will close on December 2, 2024.**

For questions or concerns, please contact the University's Title IX Coordinator, Natalie Brouwer, at the following: 630-617-3341, [TitleIX@elmhurst.edu](mailto:TitleIX@elmhurst.edu) , or Frick Office 240B.

If you feel the survey will cause a trigger of a past negative situation, **please do not take the survey.** The survey is not meant to cause anyone distress.