

**Asian American Studies 191A:  
Group Assignment #2 Group 2  
Problems with Title IX**

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### **Background**

Title IX is an education amendment that prohibits the discrimination of any person based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, immigration status, race or disabilities, by an educational institution that is federally funded. Under Title IX sexual assault and acts of sexual violence are also prohibited<sup>1</sup>. Many campuses have Title IX offices that deal with these issues and they happen in all types of circumstances on campuses like UCLA including:

- In the classroom
- Housing Offices
- Financial Aid
- Athletics
- Academic Counseling
- College Admissions
- With pregnant or parenting students
- Mental Health Offices/Services
- Acts of sexual assault/violence/harrassment

The Trump Administration and Former Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' changes to and limitations of Title IX on college campuses have made reporting and coming forward more difficult than it already was. On anonymous forums all over the internet you can find criticisms regarding the Title IX campus offices and the way they are administered, and it is no different for the University of California, Los Angeles. On sites like reddit, you can find posts of people with stories of how they were too scared to come forward or how they felt like the UCLA Title IX office was failing them and not listening to them.

### **Objectives**

Hope to create a safe space within students who have been affected who fall under the Title IX criterion. This can help produce more awareness regarding the issue by showing individuals that they are not alone and it is okay to come forward. Removing any negative stigma that they might have relating to reporting to Title IX.

We hope to be able to help students have a voice, feeling that their experience is not disregarded or invisible in society.

### **Community methods**

Our project hopes to empower students at UCLA who are having issues with filing incident reports to the UCLA Title IX Office. This empowerment can come in the form of

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix\\_dis.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix_dis.html)

## User Stories

As a student who was sexually assaulted while in college, and had to deal with campus police and victim blaming and did not even know Title IX offices existed on campuses, I want to be able to share my story and allow others to share their experiences without fear of negative consequences.

## Potential Survey Questions

- Are you a UCLA:
  - Student | Alumni
- Have you ever filed an incident report to the UCLA Title IX Office?
  - Yes | No
- Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you may need to file an incident report to the UCLA Title IX Office?
  - Yes | No
- What was your sex assigned at birth?
  - Female | Male | Other | \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your gender identity?
  - Woman | Man | Non-Binary | Gender Fluid | Trans | Agender | Other | \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your nationality?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your immigration status?
  - U.S. Citizen | Undocumented | Conditional Resident | Permanent Resident | Non Immigrant
- What is your racial identity? (Check and Specify all that apply)
  - Hispanic | Latino | European | \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever been in a situation where you have experienced any kind of discrimination based on based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, immigration status, race or disabilities? (If so please select all that apply)
  - Sex | Gender | Sexual Orientation | Nationality | Immigration status | Race | Disability

## Long-term impact

The project and data collected from the project can be given to groups like the UCLA Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, UCLA Care, Bruin Consent Coalition, Civil Rights organizations on campus, cultural sororities and fraternities, the CAPS Center at UCLA, and so many other offices to be used in sensitivity training, to better understand how students feel and are being treated while on campus, but most importantly to allow students to anonymously share their stories, help students who are facing such issues feel less alone, show them resources and places they can go if they don't feel safe going to the UCLA Title IX Office, give them support, make them feel heard and empower them long term.