

Milan Institute Sexual Harassment and Violence Policy Student Version

Policy Overview

It is the policy of The Milan Institute to ensure that students can learn in a safe and nondiscriminatory educational environment based on religious, racial, sexual harassment and violence. Milan Institute strictly prohibits any form of religious, racial, sexual harassment and violence.

It is a violation of college's policy for a student, faculty member, staff member, administrator, third party or other employee to harass a student, faculty member, administrator or other college personnel through conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

It is a violation of college's policy for any student, faculty member, administrator, third party or other college personnel of the Milan Institute to inflict or threaten to inflict, or attempt to inflict sexual violence upon any student, faculty member, administrator or other college personnel.

Definitions

Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

- submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly, of obtaining or retaining employment, or of obtaining an education; or
- submission to or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's employment or education; or
- that conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's employment or education, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive employment or education environment.

Sexual harassment may also include but is not limited to:

- unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;
- unwelcome, sexually motivated or inappropriate patting, pinching or physical contact, other than necessary restraint of student(s) by faculty members, administrators, college law enforcement, or other college personnel to avoid physical harm to persons or property;

- unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's employment or educational status;
- unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's employment or education status; or
- unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of gender.

Of importance is to note that sexual harassment or violence does not have to occur between different genders. Same sex harassment and violence will be treated equally as sexual harassment or violence between same sex members.

Reporting

Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of sexual harassment or violence by a student, faculty member, administrator or other college personnel of The Milan Institute should report the occurrence to any agent or responsible employee of the college.

An employee may be required only to report the harassment to other school officials who have the responsibility to take appropriate action or to take the appropriate action themselves if they are a designated official.

Privacy

The Milan Institute will respect the privacy of the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible. The college will attempt to honor a student's request that his or her name be withheld, if this can be done consistently with the school's obligation to remedy the harassment and take steps to prevent further harassment.

Action

The Milan Institute is required to investigate all accusations of sexual harassment and violence and to take the appropriate actions which could include disciplinary proceedings against any individuals found to be in violation of this policy.

Anti- Retribution

Any person who retaliates against another for testifying, assisting or participating in an investigation or proceeding relating to harassment or violence shall be subject to discipline. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, retribution or harassment.