

Student Right to Know

The Student Right to Know Act requires an institution that participates in any student financial assistance program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended) to disclose information about graduation rates to current and prospective students. Institutions that award athletically-related student aid are also required under the Student Right to Know Act data related to the institution's student population and student-athlete graduation rates to potential student-athletes, their parents, coaches, and counselors.

To ensure students, faculty and staff may be informed members of the campus community and in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Cumberland University publishes statistics regarding crimes reported as occurring on campus and on adjacent public property. Security, the Vice President for IT, Campus Services, and Security, and the Dean of Students compile data regarding crimes reported on campus and by the Lebanon and Wilson County law enforcement agencies, maintaining statistics in accordance with definitions used in the FBI's uniform crime reporting system.

A detailed **safety and security report** is distributed to all current students and employees by October 1 each year. Representatives of Security, the Vice President for IT, Campus Services, and Security, and the Dean of Students compile reports received from CU students, faculty, staff, visitors, the Office of Residence Life and the Lebanon and Wilson County police departments. All current employees and all currently enrolled students with campus mailboxes receive the printed security report booklet via campus mail. The data is also made available on the Cumberland University website. Detail of the report can be provided by Security, the Vice President for IT, Campus Services, and Safety, or the Dean of Students.

The safety and security report reflects incidents that were reported as occurring on CU property, in CU facilities, on property controlled by recognized student organizations and on public property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution (e.g., a sidewalk or street adjacent to campus).

In compliance with the Clery Act, college professional counselors are not required to inform Security, the VP for IT, Campus Services, and Security, or the Dean of Students about crimes brought to their attention by clients but, on a case-by-case basis, may voluntarily elect to provide information. Such reporting is encouraged, and if made, is included in published crime data.

Occasionally, a student engages in criminal activity off campus. If such behavior is reported to Security, the Vice President for IT, Campus Services, and Security, or the Dean of Students by the Lebanon or Wilson County police departments or another source, the matter is reviewed and responded to in accordance with judicial procedures described in the student Policies and Procedures (located on the University website). Similarly, violations of laws committed by faculty or staff are also subject to disciplinary action, as described in employee handbooks.

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where persons may obtain law enforcement agency information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders. The Act also requires sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that state at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation or is a student. In Tennessee, convicted sex offenders must register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry maintained by the Tennessee Department of State Police. In accordance with the law, information concerning offenders registered may be disclosed to any person requesting information on specific individuals. For more information and to submit requests, please see the Tennessee State Police website.

All incidents of sexual offense are assumed to manifest evidence of gender bias. No other reported incidents or arrests manifested evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim's actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.

Forcible sex offenses include any sexual act committed forcibly, against a person's will or where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Both "acquaintance rape" and "stranger rape" would be included in this category. Non-forcible sex offenses include incest and statutory rape.

Compliance Methods

CU must distribute annually to all enrolled students a notice of the availability of the information required to be disclosed. The notice must list and briefly describe the information and tell the student how to obtain the information.

An institution may satisfy any requirement to disclose information by posting to an Internet Web site. The following rules apply when reporting required information on the web:

- Information disclosed to students by posting on an Internet Web site must be preceded by the notice described above. The notice must also include:
 - The exact electronic address at which the information is posted.
 - A statement that the institution will provide a paper copy of the information upon request.

Annual Security Report

Enrolled Students must receive notice of the availability of the security report, the exact electronic address and a statement that the institution will provide a paper copy of the information upon request.

Current employees must receive a notice that includes a statement of the report's availability, the exact electronic address at which the report is posted, a brief description of the report's contents and a statement that the institution will provide a paper copy of the report upon request.

Prospective students and prospective employees must receive a notice that includes a statement of the security report's availability, the exact electronic address at which the report is posted, a brief description of the report's contents and a statement that the institution will provide a paper copy of the report upon request.

CU must make available to enrolled students, prospective students and the public, athletic program participation rates and financial support data. Enrolled students are to receive a notice of the reports availability, including the exact electronic address at which the report is posted, a brief description of the report's contents and a statement that the institution will provide a paper copy of the report upon request. It is not acceptable to post to an Internet site for use by prospective students.

Required Institutional Information

Institutional information that the institution must make readily available upon request to enrolled and perspective students includes, but is not limited to:

The cost of attending the institution including:

- Tuition and fees charged to full-time and part-time students
- Estimates of costs for necessary books and supplies
- Estimates of typical charges for room and board
- Estimates of transportation costs
- Any additional cost of a program in which a student is enrolled or expresses a specific interest

Any refund policy with which the institution is required to comply for the return of unearned tuition and fees or other refundable portions of costs paid to the institution procedures for officially withdrawing from the institution:

- A summary of requirements for return of Title IV grant or loan assistance
- The academic program of the institution including:
 - Current degree programs and training programs
 - Physical facilities which relate to the academic program
 - Faculty and other instructional personnel
 - Names of associations, agencies or governmental bodies that accredit, approve, or license the institution and its programs, and the procedures by which documents describing that activity may be reviewed

The institutions must make available for review to any enrolled or prospective student, upon request, a copy of the documents describing the institution's accreditation, approval or licensing:

- A description of any special facilities available to disabled students
- A statement that the student's enrollment in a program of study abroad approved for credit by the home institution may be considered enrollment at the home institution for the purpose of applying for assistance under the title IV, HEA programs
- Completion and Graduation Rates
- Institutional Security Policies and Crime Statistics
- Athletic Program Participation Rates and Financial Support Information