Case Western Reserve University is a community based upon trust and respect for its constituent members. Sexual misconduct is a violation of that trust and respect and will not be tolerated. Members of the Case Western Reserve community, guests and visitors have the right to be free from sexual misconduct, as well as domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. All members of the community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others. The purpose of this policy is to define sexual misconduct and the procedures the university uses to investigate and take appropriate action on complaints of sexual misconduct. When complaints are reported, the university will act to end the discrimination, prevent its recurrence, and remedy the effects on both individuals and the university community. This policy and the accompanying procedures shall serve as the only internal university forum of resolution and appeal of sexual misconduct complaints.

This policy applies to all members of the university community including all students, Post-Doctoral Fellows and Post-Doctoral Scholars, faculty, staff (including administrators), and other university officials, whether full or part-time, and guest lecturers, volunteers, contractors and visitors. This Policy is applicable to a student on the date on which the student accepts admission to the University.

This policy governs university-sponsored activities occurring both on and off university property and applies to non-university sponsored or related events that occur off university property that may have a demonstrable and significant disruptive impact on a university community member or on the campus. The work or educational environment includes, but is not limited to: offices, classrooms and clinical settings; residence halls and Greek Houses; on-campus or off-campus interactions between university community members, whether personal or virtual; and all university-sponsored activities, programs, or events (including off-campus activities such as international travel programs).

Sexual misconduct may involve the behavior of a person(s) regardless of the person's gender identity or expression against a person(s) of the opposite or same gender or against a person who is transsexual or transgender.

The university does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational program and in other activities operated by the university and is required by Title IX, and specifically 34 C.F.R. Part 106.9, as well as Title VII, not to discriminate in such a manner. This extends to employees of and applicants for employment or admission to the university. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator for the university or to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education.