Student Support Resources

Providing for the safety and well-being of students, faculty, staff and campus visitors at Hocking College is a high priority and is accomplished through the cooperation of multiple campus departments and services. Here you will find information on student support services, campus safety and anti-harassment and non-discrimination protections.

Resources

College Catalog

The College Catalog is your guide to college success and details strategies for academic achievement, campus involvement opportunities and student rights and responsibilities. It also details the considerable resources available to help maximize your success at Hocking College.

Counseling Services

The Student Counseling Center provides a safe and confidential environment where our trained, licensed mental health professionals provide help working through an array of life balance, mental health and substance abuse issues. Students seeking Counseling Services should call (740) 753-7006 or stop into the Counseling Services Center located in OAK 210 to schedule an appointment.

Accessibility Resources

Accessibility Resources collaborates with students, faculty, staff and community members to create usable, equitable, inclusive and sustainable environments. We promote and facilitate awareness and full access through training, partnerships, innovative programs and accommodations. Services include:

- Student Advocacy
- Testing Accommodations (scribe, audio, extended time, adjustable height desks etc.)
- Assistive Technology
- Alternate Media (E-text, Braille, Large print)
- Sign Language Interpreting & Captioning Services
- Note-Taking Accommodations

For more information on registering with Accessibility Resources, contact:

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<u>TRIO</u>

The Federal <u>TRIO Programs (TRIO)</u> are college and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

Resources for Veterans and Military Members

Hocking College is committed to providing high quality academic and student support services to Veterans, active-duty service members, Reservists, National Guard members, and military families. We ensure our support processes align with and adhere to all applicable federal and state laws, DOD

instructions, Dept. of Education guidelines as well as Veterans Administration (VA) policies and procedures. We are intent on administering Veterans, military members and dependents earned educational benefits in a manner which provides the highest return on investment possible for the student.

The Hawks Scholars Program

Hocking College's professional staff recognize the foster youth entering college bring with them many challenges. To address these obstacles, Hocking College has created the Hawk Scholars Program. This program is about uplifting a population of stranded young adults that all too often are left behind because of circumstances beyond their control: poverty, poor parental guidance, economic instability and desolate surroundings. The purpose of the Hawks Scholars program is to afford foster youth with the opportunity to feel connected to integrated support systems within the college community while investing in human social capital by addressing academic and social barriers. Without this investment in the social capital of these foster youth, or "their lack of access to social structures in order to achieve a certain end will significantly impact their future and they become further disadvantaged by lacking the critical thinking skills like problem solving, decision making, reasoning, and inability to set long-term goals."

Student Conduct and the Behavioral Intervention Team

The Office of Student Conduct is a resource for students, faculty, and staff to uphold community standards, educate the campus on the importance of social responsibility and maintain campus security. Hocking College has a Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) to respond to concerning behavior in a timely manner. Any individual may report an alleged violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and the Office of Student Conduct will follow-up on the report. You are encouraged to use <u>Submit a Student Incident</u> <u>Report</u>.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Hocking College Campus Safety places a high priority on the safety of the Hocking College community and continually strives to maintain its excellent safety record. Safety is a partnership between you and campus police, and by watching out for yourself and others, we all contribute to a safer campus environment.

Crimes

If you think you have been a victim of a crime or if you witness a crime, report it to the Police Department immediately by calling (740) 753-6598. If you or someone else is hurt, call 911 then call Campus Safety. Hocking College Campus Safety will respond and handle any immediate needs. The officers also have information about on-campus and off-campus community resources to assist victims of crime. It is important to report any crime, because your information may lead to apprehending a suspect and preventing future crimes.

General Safety Tips

- Lock all car doors.
- Secure valuables in the trunk or out of sight, including GPS, laptops, tablets, textbooks, purses, briefcases, etc.
- Don't leave valuables unattended in buildings, including classrooms, common areas and restrooms.

• Pay attention to your surroundings; if something doesn't seem right, call the police.

Other Safety Services Offered by the Police Department

- Security escorts
- Vehicle assistance (lockouts and jump-starts)
- Medical emergencies (call 911 then call Campus Safety so they can direct emergency personnel to the proper location)
- Reporting suspicious people or vehicles
- Reporting a fire or other safety concerns (inoperative lights, broken doors, water leaks, etc.)

TITLE IX, ANTI-HARASSMENT AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

Hocking College is committed to maintaining a workplace, educational and athletic environment free from discrimination and harassment. Title IX is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions, programs and activities. Prohibited conduct includes:

- Sexual assault, stalking and sexual violence
- Domestic, intimate partner and dating violence
- Hostile work environment and quid pro quo harassment
- Disparate treatment (because of sex, pregnancy, or marital or parental status)

Title IX protects students, employees and third parties with a relationship to the college, whether on or off campus.

Hocking College does not tolerate discriminatory or harassing behavior based on a protected class by or against employees, faculty members, vendors, customers, students or other persons participating in a college program or activity. Protected classes include: sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, genetic information (GINA), military status, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression.

For more information about these protections, please see the <u>Title IX website</u>. To report a possible violation, please fill out a student incident report or contact Title IX Coordinator, Jacqueline C. Hagerott, Esq., LL.M., CCM at <u>hagerottj@hocking.edu</u>.