

HELPING STUDENTS WITH...

Mental Health Issues

Recognize

- References to suicide or hopelessness in conversation or writing
- Significant changes in mood, appearance, or behavior
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Medical Issues

Recognize

- Loss of consciousness
- Breathing difficulty (shonallSsho -1BD

Misconduct Issues

Recognize

- Harassment: Phone calls, text messages or any type of communication continued after the person has been told to stop
- Disorderly Conduct: inappropriate outbursts or persistent interruptions; continued arguing beyond the scope of academic debate

Disruptive or Threatening Conduct:

- Throwing items in anger
- Refusing to leave classroom
- Refusing others the option to leave
- Brandishing a weapon

Respond

- Ask the student to meet with you outside the classroom
- Explain the impact of the behaviors on the class
- Express your concern for the student
- Help student explore options and alternatives and outline your expectations
- Threatening behaviors should not be tolerated and immediate action should be taken

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Urgent Response

Contact University Police at 911

Less Urgent Circumstances, Consult:

- Professor, Department Chair, or College Dean
- Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities (813) 974-9443
- Academy for Teaching & Learning Excellence (813) 974-1841

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and “I’m glad that you trusted me enough to tell me”

- Do not pressure the student to report the crime or take other action. Instead, ask if you can contact Victim Advocacy to meet with the student and stress that Victim Advocacy services are confidential
- Do not make promises of anonymity or confidentiality
- Certain crimes must be reported by college officials, if they have knowledge of an alleged crime. This may be distressing to the student who disclosed to you. You should contact Victim Advocacy at (813) 974-5756, to provide immediate, confidential assistance to the student and contact Student Rights and Responsibilities at (813) 974-9443 to help you determine if the situation must be reported.

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Business Hours:

Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention
(assistance is confidential)
(813) 974-5756

After Hours:

Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention
Victim Helpline
(813) 974-5757

Know Your Limits:

If you are involved in an intervention with a student, it doesn't mean you must (or can) resolve the student's difficulties. It is especially important in Sexual Assault/Misconduct (Title IX) situations that you refer the student to the appropriate resources, report the information to the appropriate office/s and not attempt to investigate (www.usf.edu/diversity/title-ix). Responding to distressed students can be emotionally challenging. It is important to obtain support for yourself from colleagues, partners, friends, or consultation with the Employee Assistance Program 1-800-327-8705.



