SPOTLIGHT BRIEF
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

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Highlights

- Since 2009, more students reported having sex with someone without giving consent, as compared to having sex without getting their consent.

- Since 2005, there has been a steady increase in sexual assault affecting academic performance.

- 15.2% of undergraduate students report experiencing nonconsensual penetration or sexual touching.

- 7% of females report experiencing penetration only by force of incapacitation, compared to 1.9% of males.

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Survey Summary

Survey Title: ACHA-NCHA Annual Reports
Sample Method: Random Selection
Sample Scope: USC undergraduate and graduate students enrolled on the University Park Campus during the spring semester
Sample Size: N=459-1,235 (varies on academic year)
Reference: http://engemannshc.usc.edu/what-we-know-about-you/

Survey Title: Association of American Universities
Campus Climate Survey
Sample Method: Systematic Sampling
Sample Scope: USC undergraduate and graduate students enrolled during the Spring 2015 semester
Population Size: N=41,594
Sample Size: 8,052
Response Rate: 19.4%
Reference: https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/climate-survey/usc-climate-survey-results/

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE WITH SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

- Since 2005, there has been a steady increase in students reporting sexual assault affecting their academic performance from 0.3% to 1.4% (+1.1%).
SEXUAL TOUCHING AND
SEXUAL PENETRATION

Within the last 12 months, have you experienced:

- Sexual touching against your will
- Attempted sexual penetration against your will
- Sexual penetration against your will

% “yes”

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AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct

Absence of Affirmative Consent

- 15.2%

Undergraduate students report experiencing nonconsensual penetration or sexual touching

Frequency of Nature of Victimization by Physical Force or Incapacitation

- 7% Undergraduate Females report experiencing penetration only by force or incapacitation
- 4% Undergraduate Males report experiencing nonconsensual penetration or sexual touching

17.3%

Experience nonconsensual penetration or sexual touching