

3341-5-34 Equal Education Opportunity.

Applicability	All University units
Responsible Unit	Office of Human Resources
Policy Administrator	Chief Human Resources Officer

(A) Policy Statement and Purpose

This policy sets forth the expectations and responsibilities for maintaining an educational environment free of unlawful discrimination and harassment.

(B) Policy

Bowling Green State University is committed to providing faculty, staff, and students with an environment where they may pursue their careers or studies free from discrimination. The Office of Human Resources is responsible for administering the university's equal opportunity and anti-harassment policies. The office exists, in part, to ensure that all members of the university community understand their responsibility to create and maintain an environment free from discrimination and harassment.

The university pledges itself to the broad application of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, in particular Titles VI and VII, Executive Order 11246, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, and Chapter 4112 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(C) Bowling Green State University is committed to providing equal educational opportunity. The university provides access to educational programs and activities without regard to race, sex, gender identity, genetic information, gender expression, sexual orientation, color, national

origin, ancestry, religion, age, marital status, disability, pregnancy, military status, or status as a Special Disabled or Vietnam-era veteran. The policy with respect to sexual orientation does not apply to the university's relationships with outside organizations, including the federal government, the military, and ROTC. The Office of Human Resources is responsible for equal educational opportunity compliance.

- (D) Retaliation against members of the Bowling Green State University community who exercise their right to file charges of discrimination or harassment is strictly prohibited by state and federal law and university policy. Retaliation is prohibited whether or not the charging party prevails in the original charge. Subsequent to, or contemporaneous with the charge, no agent of the university may harass, coerce, intimidate, or discriminate against an individual who has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. Charges of retaliation will be investigated by the Office of Human Resources. Investigations will be handled on an individual, case-by-case, basis considering the complete record and all relevant circumstances. Investigations will be conducted as fairly and expeditiously as possible assuring confidentiality for both the complainant and the respondent to the extent possible. Nothing in this policy should be interpreted as interfering with the practice of academic freedom at Bowling Green State University.

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