

## Sexual Harassment

Students on study abroad programs may find that other societies have a different understanding of what constitutes sexual harassment than we do here in the United States. What may be considered sexual harassment in the United States may be seen in some countries as socially acceptable behavior. While United States sexual harassment laws do not extend beyond the borders of the United States, students studying abroad as part of Georgia Institute of Technology programs are bound by the Institute student policy on sexual harassment and misconduct. Some excerpts from that policy are:

*“The Georgia Institute of Technology is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is safe and fosters the dignity, respect and worth of students, faculty and staff. Each member of this community has the responsibility to practice the highest ethical principles and standards of conduct. Persons who do not adhere to these principles and standards by the commission of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct damage the community and its members.*

*The Georgia Institute of Technology will not tolerate sexual harassment or sexual misconduct. Any kind of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, including rape and other types of sexual assault, whether committed by a stranger, friend, or steady dating partner against women or men, is a violation of the law and the policy of the Georgia Institute of Technology. The Georgia Institute of Technology will also provide assistance and support for victims of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct and will work toward the apprehension of alleged assailants. Additionally, educational programs directed at prevention and awareness of sexual misconduct will be made available to the campus community.”*

The complete policy regarding sexual harassment and misconduct can be found online:

[http://www.deanofstudents.gatech.edu/integrity/policies/sexual\\_harassment.php](http://www.deanofstudents.gatech.edu/integrity/policies/sexual_harassment.php)

This web site includes the applications of and definitions within the policy, as well as procedures on filing a complaint and an explanation of the judicial process that follows. A section on resources and options for students who have been sexually harassed and/or assaulted is also included on this site.

If you feel that you have been the subject of sexual harassment during a study abroad program, you should report this to the GT Program Director or Administrator traveling with your group or you should contact the Office of the Dean of Students here on campus:

For assistance, contact:

- Georgia Tech Police – 404-894-2500 (24 hours a day / 7 days a week)
- Dean of Students – 404-894-6367

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