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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

This report is prepared on an annual basis by Oglethorpe University in compliance with the Higher Education Act of 1965 section 485(f) known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act). The university publishes this report in addition to providing the U.S. Secretary of Education with campus crime and fire statistics.

The statistics contained in this report include crimes on or near the campus (unobstructed public areas adjacent to campus). Oglethorpe further maintains compliance the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) amendments to the Clery Act by prohibiting the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and providing statistics for these crimes and policies, procedures and programs.

In addition to the Annual Security Report, Oglethorpe University maintains a log of crime on campus for the past 90 days documenting the nature, date, time and general location of each crime and disposition if known. This log can be provided upon request or accessed online by clicking here.

Oglethorpe University knows that a safe campus is critical for our students, faculty, and staff. Our goal in this report is to share that commitment with our community. We provide increased transparency about campus incidents, community member rights, policies and procedures for conduct proceedings support services, and prevention and awareness/educational requirements and programming.

This report is provided to all current students and made available to any prospective students or employees. The Oglethorpe University Bulletin is referenced throughout this report and can be found online here.

1. Preparation of the Report

Statistics and information for this report are collected from a broad range of campus officials including the Director of Campus Safety, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Title IX Coordinator, the General Counsel, and with input from Campus Security Authorities and the Brookhaven Police Department. Once the report is complete, the campus community is notified, and it is maintained on the university website. Paper copies are available by request to the Department of Campus Safety.

Victims or witnesses of crimes may submit information on a confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics via the incident report link or directly to the Director or Interim Director of Campus Safety. Support for these individuals is available 24/7 by contacting Campus Safety 404-504-1998 or the professional staff member on call.
Confidential support is available via the university Counseling Center by calling 404-504-8456 or in person on the ground floor of Lowry Hall.

SECTION II: CAMPUS SECURITY POLICIES

1. Reporting Criminal Actions and Other Campus Emergencies

Members of the university community are encouraged to report concerns and take an active role in keeping campus safe. All crimes and safety matters should be reported to the Department of Campus Safety in an accurate and timely manner.

Oglethorpe Campus Safety Department
Oglethorpe Campus Safety can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 404-504-1998. A report may be taken even if the caller does not provide full information. Individuals may also choose to fill out a Campus Safety incident report online using the following link: Incident report link (may be anonymous)*, or reporting in person with Campus Safety Director Dylan Whitney in the Campus Safety Office located on the ground floor of Lowry Hall. Director Whitney can also be reached by email or phone at dwhitney@oglethorpe.edu 404-504-1188. (Please note that anonymous and incomplete reports may limit the university's ability to follow up on the information given).

Under the direction of Oglethorpe University's Director of Campus Safety, Campus Safety Officers are employees of the University and are supplemented by PSI Security Services. Oglethorpe Campus Safety is responsible for monitoring and patrolling campus and responding to campus needs.

2. Security of and Access to Campus Facilities

Policies Regarding Security of and Access to Campus Facilities
Campus residence halls are locked 24/7. Keys and/or access cards are granted to current residents in good standing only. Other campus facilities are locked and unlocked by campus safety personnel based on operating hours. Individual offices should be locked by the occupant at the end of each business day or otherwise when not in use.

Maintenance of Campus Facilities
Oglethorpe Department of Campus Safety, together with the Facilities and Information Technology Departments, maintain all safety and security systems on campus including locks, doors, window screens, lights, fire safety, and life safety measures. Campus Life, Residence Life, and Athletics also assist in this effort. The Department of Campus Safety conducts regular inspections of locks and other safety equipment.

Any facilities concerns should be reported to Maintenance 404-364-8543 or facilities@oglethorpe.edu. Routine work orders can be entered by any member of the community by completing a work order form at this form here or the link located on the Residence Life page. Issues with student card key access should reported immediately to Campus Safety at petrelpass@oglethorpe.edu or in person at the Campus Safety office located on the ground level of Lowry Hall.

3. Campus Law Enforcement

Authority, Jurisdiction, and Coordination with State and Local Authorities
The Department of Campus Safety follows standard operation procedures that are available for review upon request. The Campus Safety officers do not have arrest powers and are not law enforcement officers.

Oglethorpe Campus Safety works closely with the Brookhaven Police Department to handle criminal activity, as well as state-wide police when appropriate by referral of the local authorities. When an incident occurs on campus, Campus Safety initiates the investigation with on-duty staff from the Division of Student Affairs. All incidents are documented in the university's conduct tracking system, Maxient, and a general notification is added to the campus crime log.

Oglethorpe University urges students, faculty and employees to report any conduct that may constitute a crime to Campus Safety and the local law enforcement. Oglethorpe can arrange for a meeting with a police officer in a private location on campus, or for someone to accompany a victim to make a report in person at the police headquarters. Campus counselors are also made aware of this information should it be appropriate to share with their student clients.

The Department of Campus Safety consistently communicates with the Brookhaven Police Department on various matters including keeping the administration aware of off campus issues. The student code of conduct extends to student activities off campus, which is detailed in the *University Bulletin*.

Brookhaven Police Department provides programs for students and employees, including self-defense trainings and civilian active shooter trainings. On a regular basis, Oglethorpe also employs off-duty Brookhaven Police Officers to provide additional security for large events.

4. Safety Programs to Inform Students and Employees about Crime Prevention

Annual trainings and regular reminders promote awareness of safety matters and encourage reporting of crimes and concerns in person and/or via on-line reporting forms. In addition to the officers and Director of Campus Safety, personnel in the Division of Student Affairs and members of the Oglethorpe Emergency Planning Committee take an active role in making the campus as safe as possible. Students in leadership roles are also part of safety awareness and crime prevention. Student resident assistants are trained in a variety of safety matters and, in addition to an on-campus member of the campus life staff, resident assistants in each building serve on call each evening in the residence halls when school is in session. Other students are engaged in safety matters via Greek life and bystander intervention programs.

Informing About Campus Security Practices

The Departments of Student Affairs and Campus Safety develop programming and messaging that informs students and employees about campus security procedures and practices.

The Campus Source newsletter also provides periodic notices regarding security practices and procedures to prepare for anticipated and unanticipated occurrences. Programs about prevention of crimes and personal security are continually promoted in residence halls and in faculty and staff meetings.

Informing About the Prevention of Crimes

The following programs are designed to inform students and employees about preventing crimes.

Campus Safety Training for Resident Assistants: Oglethorpe University's residence assistants serve on call every evening during the academic year. They work closely with the on-call professional staff in Campus Life and the office of Campus Safety. Each August the Director of Campus Safety trains the resident assistants to respond to incidents and emergencies. The Campus Safety Department maintains consistent communication with this group throughout the year.

Department of Residence Life:

The Department of Residence Life promotes good community behavior through informational programming, helpful signing in the residence halls, and training of the residents on a variety of safety related matters. Residence Life ensures that all members of the community are aware of ways to report issues and stand up for those around them. Residence Life trains the Resident Assistants to ensure compliance with all university policies, and applicable state law. Resident assistants are trained to be first responders to incidents in the residence halls, and in the residential areas, and to call for assistance when needed. Residence Life also trains a team of on-call professionals in crisis response and intervention. This includes, but not limited to, alcohol poisoning, suicide prevention, drug use and drug distribution, fire safety, and community standards.

Title IX Office:

Educational prevention programming is offered to promote awareness of sexual misconduct, community member rights, sexual health and consent, and encourage reporting of crimes and concerns to Title IX. The Title IX coordinator takes an active role in educating and conducting dialogues centered around consent and respect. These programs are jointly sponsored by the Office of Student Health and Wellness the Student Government Association.

5. <u>Monitoring and Recording Criminal Activity of Students Groups with Off Campus Facilities</u>

Oglethorpe University does not have any officially recognized student organizations with non-campus locations.

6. Statement on Results of Disciplinary Hearings

Oglethorpe University will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (as that term is defined in section 16 of title 18, USC), or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victims for purposes of this paragraph.

7. Alcohol and Drug Policies

Oglethorpe requires students to comply with federal, state, and local laws concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and drugs. Additional policies on alcohol and drugs can be found in the *University Bulletin*.

Possession, Use, and Sale of Alcohol and Enforcement of State Drinking Laws
The consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 and the furnishing of alcohol to an individual under 21 are violations of state law. The illicit possession, use, or distribution of alcohol on campus will be subject to disciplinary action by the university and may also constitute a violation of law that can result in fines or imprisonment by federal, state, or local authorities.

The use of alcoholic beverages on campus by students of legal age is permitted only in the privacy of their living quarters or at events or in locations specifically authorized. If all members of a room or suite are under the legal drinking age, no alcohol can be present in that room at any time. Residents cannot host open invitation or large private parties with alcoholic beverages. This policy specifically prohibits large quantities of alcohol and beer kegs on the campus. Open containers of alcoholic beverages are not permitted outdoors in public areas of the residence halls or elsewhere in campus buildings or on campus grounds, except where specifically authorized. Public areas include lounges, lobbies, study rooms, hallways, laundry/utility rooms and all courtyards, patios, grounds, sidewalks and parking lots.

Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs and Enforcement of Federal and State Laws
The possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs or substances used for illicit purposes on campus will be subject to disciplinary action by the university and may also constitute a violation of law that can result or fines or imprisonment by federal, state or local authorities. Possession, use, or distribution of drugs other than marijuana will result in immediate suspension or expulsion from the university and Brookhaven Police Department will be notified. Possession and/or evidence of distribution of marijuana will result in immediate suspension or expulsion from the university and Brookhaven Police Department will be notified.

Students who have been convicted of the sale or possession of illegal drugs while receiving federal student aid may have their eligibility for federal student financial aid suspended.

8. Alcohol and Drug Education Programs

All new students must take an Alcohol EDU training module before they arrive for orientation. During the academic year the Office Equity and Care works with student leaders to develop and enhance alcohol and drug abuse programming and awareness. They also focus on healthy relationships and wellness programming. Data from institutional surveys given in a multi-year sequence are used to develop social norm campaigns and identify needs for effective programming and intervention.

University employees also have access to free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, and follow-up services through the Employee Assistance Plan. The university sponsored health insurance also provides a combination of inpatient and outpatient treatments for mental health and chemical dependency issues.

9. Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

Oglethorpe University continues to refine campus protocols for active shooters, fire emergencies, bomb threats, and severe weather. Any reports of these emergencies should be directed to 911 and then Campus Safety immediately after. In case of an evacuation, an on-scene police supervisor will coordinate with Campus Safety and/or the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on the campus that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees the Vice President for Student Affairs will authorize the initiation of the Emergency Notification system to notify the community. The university will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency. The OU Alert system, as described below, is used to disseminate the notification. The Vice President for Student Affairs confirms an emergency by coordinating with a range of the following parties depending on the circumstances: the Director of Campus Safety, the Vice President for Business & Finance, Student Affairs staff, state or local police authorities, outside advisories from the city, county, or state, including public health officials. The OU Alert system can segment on or off-campus populations, which may be notified separately depending on the present risk. The content of the notification is coordinated by the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Associate Vice President of Marketing & Communications. The Marketing & Communications Department then sends out the message. The use of smoke, fire alarms, and human mobilization may also take place in conjunction with the system. The notification system is tested at least once annually, and advance notice is provided to community via e-mail, the university's official mode of communication. The university retains a description of the exercise (i.e., the test), the date the test was held, the time the test started and ended, and whether the test was announced or unannounced.

Oglethorpe leadership meets throughout the year and is activated in emergency situations to communicate and carry out proscribed procedures.

Timely Warning Reports to Members of the Campus Community: "OU Alert"
Oglethorpe uses the OU Alert/RAVE system to issue timely warnings and emergency notification to members of the university community. Emergency notifications provide immediate notification to the campus community upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus that involve an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees. Timely warnings are issued for any Clery crime occurring on the Clery geography which are reported to CSA's or local authorities and are considered to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees.

Alerts are provided by phone, e-mail, and social media. The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for issuing the warning. Members of the community can register preferences via the site using their university log-on username and password: https://www.getrave.com/login/oglethorpe. The notification system is tested at least once annually, and advance notice is provided to community via e-mail, the university's official mode of communication. Students may also add their parent/guardian numbers to the alert system to include them in the communications.

Missing Student Notification for Resident Students
Students, employees, or other individuals should report that a student has been missing for 24 hours to Oglethorpe Campus Safety, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Director of Residence Life or any professional staff member on-call through Residence Life. Once a report is received, Campus Safety and the Brookhaven Police Department will be immediately notified if a student is deemed missing for 24 hours.

The university will also inspect the student's residence assignment and interview roommates, suitemates, work study supervisors, coaches, and professors. Immediate follow up on information received from the inspection and interviews will continue until the student is located.

Every student who lives in on-campus student housing may register one or more individuals to be a contact strictly for missing persons purposes. The contact information will be registered confidentially, that this information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials, and may not be disclosed, except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation. For students under 18 years of age and not emancipated, a custodial parent or guardian will be notified within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing, in addition to notifying any additional contact person designated by the student.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) on Campus
An AED is a specialized medical device designed and used to recognize and treat certain lethal heart rhythms, in conjunction with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) during a cardiac arrest situation. AEDs deliver an electrical shock to persons in ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia. Having access to, and knowing how to use, an AED may help save a life. Oglethorpe has installed AED units at various locations throughout the campus: (1) next to the University Dining Hall in the Turner Lynch Campus Center (2) on the third floor of the Cousins Center (3) in the weight room of the Schmidt Gymnasium, and (4) in the Lobby of the Conant Arts Center. Campus Safety also maintains a traveling AED.

SECTION III: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION

1. Educational Programs and Campaigns

Programs to Promote Awareness of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking.
Sexual Assault Prevention Online Training for Students & Employees: This program is required online training for all new students before they enter campus. It uses a population-level approach to educate all students on the issues associated with sexual assault and relationship violence, taking into account their unique perspectives and experiences, by providing key definitions and statistics, reflective and personalized content, bystander skill and confidence-building strategies, and Oglethorpe-specific policies, procedures, and resources. All students must complete this training. Failure to do so results in a hold on their ability to register for future courses/stay enrolled. Faculty and staff are also required to complete an employee specific version of online training on an annual basis. Failure to do so results in notification to human resources and supervisors until the training is complete.

Safe and Positive Options for Bystander Intervention & Risk Reduction
Oglethorpe promotes the Step Up! Active Bystander Intervention Program designed to provide students with tactics and techniques in effectively and safely intervening and providing pro-social helping behaviors in difficult situations, including power based personal violence. Staff and student leaders have been trained in bystander intervention via formal programs including Step Up. This effort is led by the Student Wellness office. In 2025, Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders and several students completed the full training and campus wide, students were presented with the basic concepts.

Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaigns for Students and Employees
Sexual Assault Prevention Continued Training for Employees: An abbreviated version of the online training program is required on an ongoing annual basis after the initial year. Failure to do so results in notification to Human Resources and supervisors until the training is complete.

Student Athlete Continued Education: All student-athletes who are members of an NCAA intercollegiate athletics team participate in a mandatory educational session on an annual basis. The Title IX Coordinator or a designee presents policies, procedures, and developments on sexual violence prevention.

Social Norming Program: The Department of Student Affairs runs ongoing social norming programming for bystander intervention through articles, posters, and other visual materials. The program is intended to normalize potentially uncomfortable interactions that bystanders may have when intervening with their peers in circumstances that could lead to sexual misconduct.

Sex Offender Registry
The following website is where information can be found as required by the federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act regarding sex offenders in the Brookhaven/Atlanta area and surrounding counties: https://gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-sex-offender-registry

2. Procedures for Victims of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking

Reports of acts of sexual misconduct should be made to the Campus Safety Department and/or the Title IX Coordinator. Campus Safety can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 404-504-1998. There is always someone from Campus Safety and Campus Life available to support members of our community involved in an incident. A report may also be filed online via this link or in person in the Title IX Office Room 237, Turner Lynch Campus Center.

The Title IX Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators at Oglethorpe University are: Austin Rayford and Sandy Butler. They can be reached by email at titleix@oglethorpe.edu. All university employees are trained to respond to any member of the community who reports a Title IX violation. Referrals for support and accommodations of the reporting party are made to the university's Title IX Coordinator within 24 hours of the report.

Campus Safety, Campus Life, and Title IX can make immediate referrals to counseling and help centers. The Campus Counseling Center is located in Lowry Hall and is open Monday through Friday 9-5. Oglethorpe students may also access virtual care, including access to doctors, therapists, or crisis care, by completing a brief registration at Virtual Care - Telehealth - Student Wellness (oglethorpe.edu).

Preserving Evidence
Preserving evidence may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred and may be helpful in obtaining a protection order. Victims should try not to shower, change clothes, brush your teeth, urinate, eat, drink, smoke, or take any medications until they receive medical attention.
Forensic examinations may be obtained at several places including Northside Hospital 1000 Johnson Ferry Road Atlanta, GA 404-851-8000, and The Day League 204 Church Street, Decatur, GA 404-377-1429. Victims should get to the hospital as soon as possible, and have up to 72 hours after an incident that forensic evidence can be collected. Completing a forensic examination does not obligate a victim to file a police report but will help preserve evidence if they decide to do so at a later date.

Law Enforcement
Students have several options for the involvement of law enforcement. A student may notify law enforcement about an offense, may be assisted by Oglethorpe to make a report on campus or at the station, or may decline to notify the authorities.

The Brookhaven Police has jurisdiction over the Oglethorpe campus:

Brookhaven Police Department
1793 Briarwood Road
Brookhaven, GA 30329
911 for Emergencies
404-637-0600 for Non-Emergencies

Oglethorpe will always comply with a student's request to notify authorities.

Victim's Rights
The Title IX Coordinator will respond with prompt and equitable action that includes supportive measures, such as a "no contact" order. Both the complainant and respondent will have the option of changing on-campus residence and/or an adjustment to their academic schedule, if such changes are reasonably available. The Brookhaven Police should be contacted for a criminal protective order or restraining order.

3. Institutional Procedures for Handling Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assaults, Stalking

Oglethorpe University works to provide students and employees with prompt and fair attention to these matters. For the full process regarding Title IX and sexual misconduct please review Section 14 in the *University Bulletin,* which is included as an attachment to this report.

Confidentiality
The university and staff members will keep student information private and confidential and only disclose to parties relevant and necessary to resolving an investigation/case. Personally identifying information is never released in any publicly available records including Clery Act reporting. Any accommodations or supportive measures provided are maintained as confidential to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or supportive measures. The administration of supportive measures and ability to maintain confidentiality will typically be made by the Title IX Coordinator.

Resources & Accommodations
Oglethorpe provides notification to students and employees about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, student financial aid and other services available both within the institution and in the community. General resources may be found here. Financial aid resources may be found here.

Oglethorpe will provide notification about options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to academic, living and transportation and working situations or supportive measures. Oglethorpe will comply with requests if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether the crime is reported to Campus Safety or law enforcement.

Procedures for Disciplinary Action
The university investigates claims of discrimination, including sexual harassment, violence or misconduct. Disciplinary procedures involving allegations of sex discrimination, including

(VAWA offenses) will be conducted promptly and will be thorough, equitable, and impartial from the initial investigation to the final result and will be overseen by the Title IX Coordinator. This process applies to students, faculty, and staff. The standard of proof in such disciplinary proceedings shall be that of the preponderance of the evidence, which is based upon whether it is more likely than not that a violation occurred. The process may take up 120 days from initial filing to a hearing panel determination.

The Complainant and Respondent are provided the same opportunities to have an advisor present during any part of this proceeding. The university will not limit a choice in advisor but may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings.

The Title IX Coordinator will first offer supportive measures, regardless of whether a party wants to move forward with the grievance process. Supportive measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to both parties. Examples of supportive measures include “no contact” orders, changes in class schedule, campus escorts, changes in residence hall assignments, and counseling.

A formal complaint is required to initiate the Title IX process. The Title IX Coordinator will provide the complainant with a statement of rights and options as required under VAWA. The Title IX Coordinator will complete an initial jurisdictional review, before dismissing the case or sending the case to investigation. A case that proceeds to investigation will be assigned to a trained investigator who will conduct interviews and collect evidence. At the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator creates an Investigation Report.

The Title IX Coordinator and both parties have the opportunity to review the Investigation Report prior to a hearing. The Title IX Coordinator will conduct another jurisdictional review to ensure a hearing is appropriate. The live hearing will be administered by a Hearing Officer and a determination will be made by a three-member Hearing Panel. If the Respondent is found responsible, a hearing panel may impose sanctions, including, but not limited to warning; social probation, which may include restriction from particular buildings, areas of campus, and/or university activities; educational requirements focused on substance use, anger management or other issues; behavior contracts; residential suspension or expulsion; academic restriction, which may limit registration time or course selection; suspension from the University with possible re-enrollment requirements or restrictions; expulsion. A hearing panel may impose the following sanctions on employee respondents: warnings; mandatory trainings or other educational requirements; counseling or therapy; behavior contracts; temporary suspensions; demotions; changes to their job description and/or responsibilities; termination; or any other sanction permissible under the Employee Handbook. Multiple sanctions may be imposed depending on the number and severity of responsible findings in each case. The university will simultaneously notify, in writing, to both parties of the result of any disciplinary proceedings, the procedures for appeal, any change to the result, and when the results become final.

The officials who are chosen to conduct proceedings receive training on issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and how to conduct investigations and hearings that protects safety and promotes accountability.

SECTION IV: CAMPUS HAZING PREVENTION

1.Anti-Hazing Policy

In accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, an amendment to the Clery Act signed into law on December 23, 2024, Oglethorpe University stands against hazing in all circumstances and is committed to promoting student safety, transparency, and accountability.

2.Definition of Hazing

An action taken or situation created intentionally by an individual or group, whether on- or off-campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule in another person or group, regardless of the consent of the participants. Any act that interferes with regularly scheduled classes or academic pursuits of a student may also be defined as hazing. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following:

- Use of alcohol, drugs, or other substances.
- Inappropriate touching and paddling in any form.
- Creation of excess fatigue.
- Physical and psychological shocks.
- Engaging in disruptive behavior.
- Morally degrading or humiliating games, online posts and activities.
- Abusive, harassing or degrading language.
- Forced servitude.
- Excessive consumption of food or drink or limitation of food or drink.
- Removing, damaging, destroying or altering property
- Other activities that are not consistent with academic achievement, ritual or policy, the regulations or policies of the University or applicable state law.

3.Reporting and Investigation Procedures

Hazing, or suspicions of hazing will be investigated fairly, promptly, and in accordance with Oglethorpe University conduct policies, while respecting confidentiality and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Any incidents of hazing can be reported in one of the following ways:

- Campus Safety by phone: (404) 504-1998
- Campus Safety by email: campussafety@oglethorpe.edu
- Online Incident Report Incident Reporting Form
- Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities by email: osrr@oglethorpe.edu

4.Prevention and Awareness Programs

Oglethorpe University has established and conducted evidence-based, campus-wide hazing prevention and awareness initiatives, which include:

- Training students, faculty, and staff on hazing definitions and institutional policy.
- Offering bystander intervention training.

5.Transparency Requirement

In compliance with federal law:

- Oglethorpe University will collect and include hazing incident statistics in the Annual Security Report beginning with incidents reported from January 1, 2025. These statistics will be reflected in the Annual Security Report issued October 1, 2026.
- A Campus Hazing Transparency Report (CHTR) will be published on our website biannually and will be updated within 15 days of final adjudication per the Max Gruver Act (Ga. Code 20-1-30.). This report will summarize findings of hazing violations by recognized or established student organizations, including general descriptions of violations, applicable sanctions, and key timeline dates, without disclosing personally identifiable information.

SECTION V: CRIME REPORT STATISTICS

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1. Crime Definitions

For purposes of this report, statistics provided on the listed crimes and associated terms are defined in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), the Uniform Crime Reporting Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and Training Manual, and the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA):

Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal

injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. This also includes assault with disease (as in cases when the offender is aware that he/she is infected with a deadly disease and deliberately attempts to inflict the disease by biting, spitting, etc.

Arson: To unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.

Burglary: The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.

Dating Violence: Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition: Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence: A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed:

- By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the

domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Drug Abuse Violations: (Except Driving Under the Influence) The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use.

Fondling: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Hate Crime: A criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

Incest: Nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Liquor Law Violations: (Except Driving Under the Influence and Drunkenness) The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft of a motor vehicle.

Murder: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Rape: (Except Statutory Rape) The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Robbery: The taking, or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.

Stalking: Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or
- Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Statutory Rape: Nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Weapons Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons.

2. Crime Statistics

Criminal Offenses

OFFENSE	YEAR	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION			
		ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
MURDER / MANSLAUGHTER	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGTHER BY NEGLIGENCE	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
RAPE	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	1	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
FONDLING	2025	3	3	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
INCEST	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2025	1	1	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	4	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2025	1	1	0	0
	2024	1	0	0	0
	2023	4	1	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
ARSON	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses

OFFENSE	YEAR	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION			
		ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	2	0	0	0
	2023	1	0	1	0
STALKING	2025	1	1	0	0
	2024	3	0	0	0
	2023	2	1	0	0

Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action

OFFENSE	YEAR	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION			
		ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
ARRESTS: WEAPONS; CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS; CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2025	1	1	0	0
	2024	4	2	0	0
	2023	2	2	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	1	1	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2025	15	13	0	0
	2024	26	24	0	0
	2023	24	23	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2025	21	19	0	0
	2024	19	14	0	0
	2023	15	15	0	0

Hate Crimes

OFFENSE	YEAR	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION			
		ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
HATE CRIMES	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0

Unfounded Crimes

OFFENSE	YEAR	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION			
		ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
UNFOUNDED CRIMES	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0

Hazing

OFFENSE	YEAR	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION			
		ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
HAZING	2025	1	0	0	0

SECTION VI: FIRE SAFETY REPORT

1. Campus Housing Fire Safety Policies and Procedures

Fire and safety systems are maintained and reviewed on a quarterly basis in a collaboration between the Campus Safety and Facilities Departments. Fire drills are typically conducted once per semester, and participation is mandatory for all residents. Evacuation routes are prominently posted in every residence hall. The campus emergency response procedures are reviewed by a committee twice annually, and employees and students receive information via trainings, on-line resources, and posted signs.

In order to ensure fire safety in the residence halls, no candles or incense are allowed. Open-coil-heating units like burners and toaster ovens are also prohibited. Extension cords may not be used, however grounded, 15 amp, and UL certified surge protectors are permitted. Room inspections are held periodically to verify compliance and safety.

Oglethorpe prohibits smoking in all campus buildings, including residence halls, residence halls courtyards, and Greek housing. Open fires are not permitted anywhere on campus. Grills are not permitted on campus, with the exception of the University grill located on the upper residence quad. The possession or discharging of fireworks on campus is a violation of Georgia law and is strictly prohibited.

Evacuation Procedures

In case of a fire, students are advised to use stairs and stay out of elevators. Students should activate fire alarm pull stations as they exit if it is safe to do so. Once outside the residence hall, they are advised to move away from building and not to re-enter until advised it is safe by emergency responders. Students should only use portable fire extinguishers if they are trained to do so.

If a student is trapped in a room or building during a fire they should remain calm and take action to protect themselves. Doors should be closed, and wet towels and sheets should be placed at the bottom of the door. Students who are trapped should call 9-11 and then Campus Safety. Students should also place a bright piece of fabric out of the window and make noise at regular intervals to alert emergency response of their location. Students should stay close to a window for oxygen, and if there is no window, should stay close the floor.

After a fire has occurred, Resident Advisors and Campus Safety are notified if they were not present and/or previously made aware.

Fire Safety Education & Training

The Departments of Campus Safety and Campus Life conduct fire training for on campus residence halls. In addition to the semi-annual fire drills for every building, residence life staff and advisors hold trainings and hall meetings to review fire safety policies and procedures.

Fire Statistics

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	YEAR	NUMBER OF FIRES
ALUMNI - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
BOWDEN/MAGBEE - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0

DEMPSEY - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
JACOBS - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
JOBE/HANSEN - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
SCHMIDT - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
TRAER - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
ALPHA SIGMA TAU - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
CHI OMEGA - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
CHI PHI - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
KAPPA ALPHA / ALPHA PHI ALPHA - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0
SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA - 4484 Peachtree Rd. NE	2025	0
	2024	0
	2023	0

Campus Housing Fire Safety Systems

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	NUMBER OF FIRE DRILLS	FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	COOKING HOOD SYSTEM	EXTINGUISHERS	SMOKE DETECTORS	EVACUATION PLANS / PLACARDS	SPRINKLER SYSTEM
ALUMNI - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X		X	X	X	X
BOWDEN/MAGBEE - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
DEMPSEY - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X		X	X	X	X
JACOBS - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X		X	X	X	X
JOBE/HANSEN - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCHMIDT - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X		X	X	X	X
TRAER - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X		X	X	X	X
ALPHA SIGMA TAU - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X

CHI OMEGA - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
CHI PHI - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
ALPHA PHI ALPHA - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA - 4884 Peachtree Rd. NE	2	X	X	X	X	X	X