

Ashland University Columbus Program Center 2021 Security Report

The information presented in this report is in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. This information is also available on-line at <http://www1.ashland.edu/student-affairs/health-safety/safety-services/annual-reports-statistics>.

The Columbus Program Center of Ashland University consists of thirty (30) classrooms where undergraduate and graduate students come, generally in the evening or Saturdays, to take courses which apply to a bachelor degree, professional development, licensure or master's degrees in education or business. The Center has fourteen full-time faculty and nine part/full time staff members. There are currently about 2000 part-time/full-time students attending classes at the Ashland University Columbus Center. The Columbus Center also leases office and classroom space to local alternative schools for instruction. Beginning in 2021 (midyear), the Columbus Center is operated by a Columbus charter school with Ashland University leasing space in the facility.

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Access to Campus Facilities

Except for holidays, the facility is open at 7:15 a.m. Monday – Saturday. The exterior doors close at 6:30 p.m. – Monday thru Friday and 3:00 P.M. on Saturday. The Center is closed on Sunday. The main office is generally open 9:15 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. M-F, Saturday hours are being reviewed and may be re-instituted in the future. When the facility is open, it is available to the public. Members of the campus community are encouraged to report any maintenance and/or security issues to the Director of Center Operations.

Safety and Facility Security

Personal safety and crime prevention are the responsibility of the individual student and employee and both are encouraged to be aware of their personal safety and security and the safety of others. While we will make every effort to maintain a safe environment (i.e. maintain adequate lighting, door hardware locking properly, etc.), we encourage students and employees to immediately report any security and/or safety issues to the Director of Center Operations at the above address, or by phone at the above listed phone number. The Ashland University Columbus Center does not have a full-time security department. A security firm is contracted on a part-time basis, typically evening hours, to check the facility and observe the parking lot. The Director of Center Operations is responsible for maintaining crime statistics for the Center. The center is within the jurisdiction of the Columbus Police Department. In the event of a crime on campus, the Columbus Police Department will be summoned. Students may also summon the police at any time by dialing 911 from their cell phone.

Reporting Crime or Emergencies

Any safety/security issues, or crimes, should be reported to the Director of Center Operations. In the event of an emergency, or to report a crime, the campus community should notify the local police by dialing 911. In the event a security and/or safety issue may represent a threat to others on campus, the Director of Center Operations will need to be notified to initiate timely warnings to the campus community.

Timely Warnings/Emergency Notification

All emergencies and/or crimes should be reported to the Director of Center Operations for the purpose of determining whether an emergency notification is warranted. When there is no immediate threat to the safety of the campus community, yet notification of security/safety concerns are warranted (i.e. patterns of theft) an “Advisory” may be issued with the incident summary. Notices will be posted in conspicuous locations throughout the facility.

In situations where there may be an immediate threat to the campus community, the Director of Center Operations will initiate without delay (upon confirmation of a threat and if doing so does not compromise efforts to contain an emergency) security/safety “Alerts”, or “Timely Warnings”, using the following resources:

Text Messaging/Voicemail

The AU Safety Services department can issue text messages to members of the campus community in the event a timely warning, or “Alert” is warranted. Text messaging is not used for event announcements and other marketing information. The free app to receive alerts can be downloaded on your smart phone by going to your app store on your smart phone. For iPhone users type in Campus Shield, to download and choose “Ashland University” as your download option and install. Android users can choose 911Shield from the play store to get the free app. Text campus alerts are not the only feature of the app. Additional features include campus resource information, being able to provide real time safety and security tips to the Safety Services office and an emergency button that will allow the user to directly contact 911 or the Ashland University Safety Services Department.

Students attending a specific campus (i.e. Cleveland, Columbus, etc.) have the option of requesting alerts for their campus only, or receiving all alerts. Class cancellations due to inclement weather, or any other reason, will also be sent out via text messaging.

Radio/TV Messages

Ashland University may also use local and/or regional media outlets to broadcast emergency information. This resource would be initiated by the Executive Director who will contact the Ashland University Public Relations office. Students and employees are encouraged to monitor these outlets for additional information.

Web Page

Students and employees are encouraged to also monitor the Ashland University web page for any emergency information and/or class cancellations or closings. Alerts will be posted to the AU web page at <http://www.ashland.edu>.

Bulletins/Postings

Notices will be posted in conspicuous locations throughout the facility.

Resources

AU Columbus Center	(614) 794-0803
AU Safety Services (main campus)	(419) 207-5555
AU Public Relations (main campus)	(419) 289-5007
Local Police/Fire Emergency	911

Preparedness

Inquiries regarding emergency preparedness should be directed to the Director of Center Operations. Emergency procedures are reviewed at the start of every semester.

Evacuations/Shelter-in-Place

If the local authorities issue an order of evacuation, all students and employees are to comply with any directive issued by a civil agency. Employees should secure the facility if time permits. In the event of a shelter-in-place (i.e. airborne hazardous release, etc.), employees are to secure the facility (i.e. close windows, lock doors if necessary, etc.). During shelter-in-place occupants should monitor local media outlets and the AU web site for up to date information.

Crime Prevention Education

Any inquiries regarding crime prevention steps and education should be made with the Executive Director. He, or she, may be able to schedule a presentation using local resources as presenters (i.e. local police resources). Any recommendations or inquiries regarding safety/security issues should also be directed to the Director of Center Operations.

Wellness

Resources for any wellness topic (i.e. substance abuse, sexual assault prevention and education, etc.) are not maintained at the sites. Inquiries for any of these resources should be made with the Director of Center Operations who will contact the appropriate office on the Ashland University main campus.

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act Information

The Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act requires sex offenders to provide notice to each institution of higher education at which the person is employed or enrolled. Because the Ashland University Columbus Center is located within the jurisdiction of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Franklin County Sheriff's Department should be the notifying agency of any registered sex offenders who are currently enrolled students or employees. In Franklin County, information on registered sex offenders is available at: eSCORN website (<http://ohio.esorn.net/franklin>) provides links to databases of registered sex offenders for Franklin County.

Upon notification to the Director of Center Operations of a registered sex offender on or directly adjacent to campus, the information will be passed on to the Vice President for Student Affairs on the main campus of Ashland University. The Vice President for Student Affairs will determine if an advisory or alert is warranted.

Sexual Assault/Harassment

Any incident of sexual assault should be immediately reported to the local police by calling 911. The AU Columbus Director of Center Operations should also be notified (especially since an alert or timely notice may need to be issued). The Director of Center Operations will assist the victim with any arrangements regarding health and safety and reporting to civil authorities. Incidents involving students and/or employees where the alleged perpetrator is identified as a student, immediate sanctions may be instituted upon the alleged subject. These sanctions could range from restriction from the campus to an interim suspension (pending the outcome of a judicial proceeding). Both the accused and the accuser will be informed of the outcome of the judicial proceedings. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during the judicial proceedings. The victim will be presented the opportunity to change academic arrangements after an alleged sexual assault, providing changes are reasonably available.

Ashland University promotes a productive campus environment and will not tolerate conduct by any member of the campus community that harasses another employee or student, disrupts or interferes with another, or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile environment. This includes threatening behavior, violent actions, and sexual harassment. Students who feel they are the target of any type of harassment should immediately report the situation to the Director of Center Operations. Employees are to contact the Director of Human Resources. Please refer to the Harassment Free Policy in the Student Handbook and/or the Employee Handbook for further information. Students are protected under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the Education amendments.

Resources

Ashland University Columbus Director of Center Operations	(614) 794-0803
Vice President for Student Affairs (main campus)	(419) 289-5324
Human Resources (main campus)	(419) 289-3054
Columbus Police Department	911 or 614-645-4545 (non-emergency)
Franklin County Sheriff	(614) 525-2380
Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO)	(614) 267-7020

Alcohol/Drug Policies

Ashland University upholds the applicable drug laws that relate to controlled substances and prohibits the use, possession, sale and distribution of illegal drugs by students, guests, faculty and staff. With the exception of the Ashland University main campus (and in designated areas only), alcohol is not permitted on campus or at any AU Center.

Crime Logs

Crime log entries summarizing crimes and policy violations reported to the AU Safety Services department are available on the Ashland University website at <http://www.ashland.edu/students/campus-life/support-services/safety-services/campus-security/crime-reports>. To receive a paper copy of the report, please call the AU Safety Services department at (419) 207-5555, or e-mail a request to security@ashland.edu

Crime Statistics

The AU Director of Center Operations is responsible for gathering information and maintains the annual crime statistics that are included in this report. The information contained in this report is available on-line by visiting the Ashland University website at <http://www1.ashland.edu/student-affairs/health-safety/safety-services/annual-reports-statistics>. Should you wish to receive a printed copy, please contact the Ashland University Safety Services department at (419) 207-5555. The e-mail address is security@ashland.edu and the mailing address is 401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805. You may also request a copy from the AU Columbus Director of Center Operations. The classification of reported crimes is based on the definitions in the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook published by the Department of Justice. Collection and publication of these statistics is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. For calendar year 2018 there was one incident of sexual harassment on campus. For 2019 there were two incidents of sexual harassment. They did not qualify as dating or domestic violence, or stalking.

Crime Statistics

CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Negligent Manslaughter	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Sex Offenses – Forcible Includes rape, fondling, and sexual contact without consent.	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible Includes incest and statutory rape	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Robbery	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Aggravated Assault	On Campus Property	1	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Burglary – Forced Entry	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0

Crime Statistics
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CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Burglary – Unlawful Entry (no force)	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Motor Vehicle Theft	On Campus Property	1	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Arson	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Larceny/Theft	On Campus Property	1	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Domestic Violence	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Dating Violence	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Stalking	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0

Hate crimes are where the victim is intentionally selected based on his or her actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability. Ashland University must report any of the above listed crimes, as well as vandalism, intimidation, larceny/theft, simple assault and any other crime involving bodily injury where bias is a motivating factor. For the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020 there were no reported hate crimes within these definitions.

2018	2019	2020
No Hate Crimes Reported	No Hate Crimes Reported	No Hate Crimes Reported

Arrests/Judicial Statistics

Arrests/Citations – Liquor Laws	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Liquor Law Arrests/Citations	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Judicial Referrals – Alcohol Violations	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Alcohol Violation Judicials	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Arrests/Citations – Drug Laws	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Drug Law Arrests/Citations	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Judicial Referrals – Drug Violations	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Drug Violation Judicials	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Arrests/Citations – Weapons	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Dangerous Weapons Arrests/Citations	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Judicial Referrals – Weapons	LOCATION	2018	2019	2020
Weapons Policy Judicials	On Campus Property	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0

References

AU Columbus Center Site	1900 E. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43229	(614) 794-0803
AU Safety Services	401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805	(419) 207-5555
AU VP for Student Affairs	401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805	(419) 289-5324
AU Human Resources	401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805	(419) 289-5304
Columbus City Police	120 Marconi Blvd., Columbus, Ohio, 43215	(614) 645-4545
Franklin County Sheriff	370 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215	(614) 525-2380
Fire / Police Emergency		911
Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO)		(614) 267-7020