



Georgia Military College

Campus Climate Survey

This is a survey of the incidence of certain types of sexual and physical experiences in relationships on campus. The questionnaire takes about 20 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary, and you may choose to skip questions or stop responding at any point. However, your cooperation would be greatly appreciated and would contribute to our understanding of a very important aspect of student life on this campus. We are committed to ensuring a safe, healthy, and nondiscriminatory environment for our students and your participation in this survey will help us in our work to keep all students safe.

If you agree to participate, you can be assured that your responses are completely anonymous. Your responses will be reported in terms of groups of students rather than as individual cases. You may stop your participation at any time, or choose not to answer particular questions without penalty. Some of the questions will ask about sexual and personal information. Some individuals might experience emotional discomfort while answering some of the questions. At the end of the survey, you will be given information about resources should you wish to talk with someone further.

The principal investigator of this survey is the Title IX Coordinator (Vice President of Human Resources) who can be reached at mbrooks@gmc.edu or 478-387-4957.

Demographics

Demographic information is important so that GMC can determine how well the respondents to this survey represent the larger student population on each of our campuses.

We will not report any group data for groups of fewer than five individuals that may be small enough to reveal identity. Instead, the researchers will combine the groups to eliminate any potential for identifiable demographic information.

1. Which GMC campus do you attend? (Circle all that apply)

Augusta/Martinez

Fairburn

Columbus

Milledgeville

Valdosta

Warner

On-Line

Madison

Robins

Dublin

Rockdale

2. What is your current gender identity?

Female

Male

Transgender Female

Transgender Male

Other(please specify)

3. What is your race/ethnicity as you define it? Mark all that apply

Hispanic/Latino

African-American

Caucasian/White

Asian

Pacific Islander

Other

4. Which term best describes your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual

Bisexual

Lesbian/Gay

Questioning

Other (please specify)

5. What is your current student status?

First term

First Year

Second Year

General Climate Questions

6. Please indicate your level of agreement to the following statements:

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|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| I feel valued in the classroom/learning environment | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Faculty, staff, and administrators respect what students on this campus think | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| I think faculty are genuinely concerned about my welfare | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| I think administrators are genuinely concerned about my welfare | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| I feel close to people on this campus | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| I feel like I am a part of Georgia Military College | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| I am happy to be at this college | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| The faculty, staff, and administrators at this school treat students fairly | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |

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| I feel safe on this campus | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
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7. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

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|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| If a crisis happened on campus, GMC would handle it well. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| College officials handle incidents in a fair and responsible manner | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| GMC does enough to protect the safety of its students | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |

Perceptions of Leadership, Policies and Reporting

8. If someone were to report a sexual assault to a GMC campus authority, how likely is it that:

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| GMC would take the report seriously | Very Likely | Moderately Likely | Slightly Likely | Not at All Likely |
| GMC would keep knowledge of the report limited to those who need to know in order for GMC to respond properly | Very Likely | Moderately Likely | Slightly Likely | Not at All Likely |
| GMC would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report | Very Likely | Moderately Likely | Slightly Likely | Not at All Likely |
| GMC would take corrective action to address factors that may have led to the sexual assault | Very Likely | Moderately Likely | Slightly Likely | Not at All Likely |
| GMC would take corrective action against the offender | Very Likely | Moderately Likely | Slightly Likely | Not at All Likely |
| GMC would take steps to protect the person making the report from retaliation | Very Likely | Moderately Likely | Slightly Likely | Not at All Likely |
| Other students would support the person making the report | Very Likely | Moderately Likely | Slightly Likely | Not at All Likely |

9. Georgia Military College's policies and procedures regarding incidents of sexual assault are described in the Student Handbook which is posted on the GMC website under the Student Life tab.

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| Have you read GMC Gender-based Misconduct Policy as described in the Student Handbook? | YES | NO |
| Have you received training in policies and procedures regarding incidents of sexual assault either in class (PER 101) or at Orientation? | YES | NO |

10. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

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| If a friend or I were sexually assaulted, I know where to get help. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Agree Not Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know |
| I understand Georgia Military College's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault | Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Agree Not Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know |
| I have confidence that GMC fairly administers the formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Agree Not Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know |

Assessing the Number of Victims of Sexual Violence

This section asks about nonconsensual or unwanted sexual contact you may have experienced. When you are asked about whether something happened within the past year, please think about what has happened since then. The person with whom you had unwanted sexual contact could have been a stranger or someone you know, such as a family member or someone you were dating or going out with. These questions ask about five types of unwanted sexual contact:

- a. forced touching of a sexual nature (forced kissing, touching of private parts, grabbing, fondling, rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it is over your clothes)
- b. oral sex (someone's mouth or tongue making contact with your genitals or your mouth or tongue making contact with someone else's genitals)
- c. sexual intercourse (someone's penis being put in your vagina)
- d. anal sex (someone's penis being put in your anus)
- e. sexual penetration with a finger or object (someone putting their finger or an object like a bottle or candle in your vagina or anus)

Question 11 asks about unwanted sexual contact that involved force or threats of force against you. Force could include someone holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you, or using or threatening to use a weapon against you.

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| Has anyone had sexual contact with you by using physical force or threatening to physically harm you within this past year? | YES | NO |
| Has anyone attempted, but not succeeded, in having sexual contact with you by using or threatening to use physical force against you within this past year? | YES | NO |

Question 12 asks about your experiences with unwanted sexual contact while you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk,

incapacitated or asleep. These situations might include times that you voluntarily consumed alcohol or drugs and times that you were given drugs without your knowledge or consent.

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| Within the past year, has someone had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated or asleep? This question asks about incidents that you are certain happened. | YES | NO |
| Within the past year, have you suspected that someone has had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question asks about events that you think (but are not certain) happened. | YES | NO |

Follow-up Questions

If you answered **YES** to either part of question 11 or 12, please complete the following follow-up questions. If you answered **NO** to both parts of questions 11 and 12, please skip down to Question 22 in the last section labeled **Bystander Attitudes & Behaviors**.

13. If you answered YES to either part of question 11, you indicated that someone has had sexual contact with you by using physical force or threatening to physically harm you. The questions below ask about that experience.

When the person had sexual contact with you by using or threatening you with physical force, which of the following happened? Please check all that apply.

- a. Forced touching of a sexual nature
- b. Oral sex
- c. Sexual intercourse
- d. Anal sex
- e. Sexual penetration with a finger or object

14. If you answered YES to either part of question 12, you indicated that someone has had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep. The questions below ask about that experience.

When the person has sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep, which of the following happened? Please check all that apply.

- a. Forced touching of a sexual nature
- b. Oral sex
- c. Sexual intercourse
- d. Anal sex
- e. Sexual penetration with a finger or object
- f. Don't know

15. If you answered YES to either part of question 11 or 12 or both, please answer the following questions.

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| Just prior to the incident (any of the incidents), had you been drinking alcohol? Keep in mind that you are in no way responsible for the assault that occurred, even if you had been drinking | YES | NO |
| Just prior to the incident (any of the incidents) had you voluntarily been taking or using any drugs other than alcohol? | YES | NO |
| Just prior to the incident (any of the incidents), had you been given a drug without your knowledge or consent? | YES | NO |

If you answered YES to either part of question 11 or 12 or both, please choose the most serious incident, if you had more than one, and answer the questions below about your experience.

16. Who did the unwanted behavior involve? (Check only one)

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| a. stranger | f. college professor/instructor/faculty |
| b. family member | g. college staff/administrator |
| c. acquaintance | h. non-romantic friend |
| d. co-worker | i. casual or first date |
| e. employer/supervisor | j. current romantic partner |
| k. ex-romantic partner | l. other (specify) _____ |

17.

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| Was this person a student at Georgia Military College? | YES | NO | I do not know |
| What was the gender of the individual that did this to you? | MALE | FEMALE | |
| Where did the incident occur? | On Campus | Off Campus | |
| Did the incident involve your use of alcohol? | YES | NO | |
| Did the incident involve your use of drugs? | YES | NO | |
| Did the incident involve the other person's use of alcohol? | YES | NO | |
| Did the incident involve the other person's use of drugs? | YES | NO | |

18. Who did you tell about the incident? (Circle all that apply)

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. No one | f. Counselor |
| b. Roommate | g. GMC Faculty or staff |
| c. Close friend other than roommate | h. Cadet staff officer |
| d. Parent or guardian | i. Police |

e. Other family member

j. Romantic partner (other than the one who did this to you)

19.

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| Did you use GMC's formal procedures to report the incident? | YES | NO |
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20. If you answered YES to question 19, how well did GMC's formal procedures help you deal with the problem?

- a. Did not help me at all
- b. Helped me a little
- c. Helped, but could have helped more
- d. Helped me a lot
- e. Completely solved the problem.

21. If you did not tell anyone, why? (Circle all that apply)

- a. Ashamed/embarrassed
- b. Is a private matter—wanted to deal with it on my own
- c. Concerned others would find out
- d. Did not want the person who did it to get into trouble
- e. Fear of retribution from the person who did it
- f. Fear of not being believed
- g. I thought I would be blamed for what happened
- h. Did not think what happened was serious enough to talk about
- i. Did not think others would think it was serious
- j. Thought people would try to tell me what to do
- k. Would feel like an admission of failure
- l. Did not think others would think it was important
- m. Did not think others would understand
- n. Did not have time to deal with it due to academics, work, etc.
- o. Did not know the GMC campus reporting procedure
- p. Feared I or another would be punished for infractions/violations (such as underage drinking)
- q. I did not feel the GMC campus leadership would solve my problems
- r. I feared others would harass me or react negatively toward me
- s. I thought nothing would be done
- t. Did not want others to worry about me
- u. Wanted to forget it happened
- v. Had other things I needed to focus on and was concerned about (class, work)
- w. Did not think GMC would do anything about my report
- x. Other (specify) _____
- y. No experience or I did tell someone

Bystander Attitudes and Behaviors

Sexual violence refers to a range of behaviors that are unwanted by the recipient and includes remarks about physical appearance; persistent sexual advances that are undesired by the recipient; unwanted touching; and unwanted oral, anal, or vaginal penetration or attempted penetration. These behaviors could be initiated by someone known or unknown to the recipient, including someone they are in a relationship with.

22. Please read the following statements and circle the number that indicates how true each is for you. 1=Strongly disagree/Not at all true. 5= Strongly agree/Very much true

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| a. | I do not think sexual violence is a problem on this campus | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. | I do not think there is much I can do about sexual violence on campus | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. | There is not much need for me to think about sexual violence | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. | Doing something about sexual violence is a job for the police, not for me | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. | I am planning to learn more about the problem of sexual violence | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

23. Read each of the following behaviors. Indicate your level of confidence that you could do them. Rate your personal confidence on the following scale:

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Cannot Do | Not Likely | Not Sure | Somewhat Certain | Certain |

You may interpret the phrase “do something” to mean acting in some way, such as asking for help, creating a distraction, or talking directly.

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| a. | Express my discomfort if someone makes a joke about a woman’s body | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. | Express my discomfort if someone says that rape victims are to blame for being raped | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. | Call for help (i.e. call 911) if I hear someone yelling for help | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. | Get help and resources for a friend who tells me that they have been raped | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. | Ask a friend if they need to be walked home from a party | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. | Ask a stranger if they need to be walked home from a party | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. | Speak up to someone who is making excuses for having sex with someone who is unable to give full consent | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| h. | Confront other students who make inappropriate or negative sexual comments or gestures | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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24. Please indicate how likely you are to engage in each of the following behaviors using this scale:

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Very Likely | Somewhat Likely | Not Sure | Somewhat Unlikely | Very Unlikely |

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| a.. | Ask for verbal consent when I am intimate with my partner, even if we are in a long-term relationship | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. | Stop sexual activity when asked to, even if I am already aroused | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. | Say something to a friend who is taking a drunk person back to their room at a party | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. | Challenge a friend who made a sexist joke | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. | Express my concern if a family member makes a sexist joke | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. | Challenge a friend who uses insulting words to describe girls | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. | Confront a friend who plans to give someone alcohol for sex | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h. | Refuse to participate in activities where girls' appearances are ranked/rated | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i. | Confront a friend who is hooking up with someone who has passed out | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| j. | Report a friend that committed a rape | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| k. | Stop having sex with a partner if they say to stop, even if it started consensually | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| l. | Decide not to have sex with a partner if they are drunk | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

25. Since the start of the current academic year, I have observed a situation that I believed was, or could have led to, a sexual assault.

YES

NO

If the answer is YES, select the response below that most closely resembles your actions:

- I stepped in and separated the people involved in the situation
- I asked the person who appeared to be at risk if they needed help
- I confronted the person who appeared to be causing the situation
- I created a distraction to cause one or more people to disengage from the situation
- I asked others to step in as a group and diffuse the situation
- I told someone in a position of authority about the situation
- I considered intervening in the situation, but I could not safely take any action
- I decided not to take action

This was a survey of unwanted sexual experiences and relationship aggression on campuses around Georgia. The purpose of this survey was to answer the following questions: How often do these things happen on campus? What are the consequences and who do individuals experiencing these things tell? How do students feel about GMC's response to sexual assault? Answers to these questions are important for developing policies and prevention tools to reduce the number of these incidents in our communities and to provide better support systems for people who have experienced them. The information you have given us will help us both understand the issue of interpersonal aggression on our GMC campuses and other campuses in Georgia.

We thank you for your willingness to participate. The information you have given us will be kept anonymous, as your name is not anywhere on the questionnaire and web data is stripped of any identifying computer related information before we receive the data.

All reasonable efforts have been undertaken to minimize any such potential risks, but you should know that any form of communication over the Internet carries a minimal risk of loss of confidentiality. If other individuals (e.g., partner, roommate) have access to your computer, they might be able to view your web browsing history, including a link to this survey. For information on how to delete your web browsing history, you can visit:

<http://www.computerhope.com/issues/ch000510.htm>

If you are concerned about any of the topics covered in this survey, or if you would like more information or reading material on this topic, please contact one of the resources below.

National (Sexual Assault)—1-800-656—HOPE
National (Relationship Violence)—1-800-799-SAFE
GMC Health Services—478-387-4783
GMC Academic Support Services—478-387-4958

<https://ohl.rainn.org/online>
www.loveisrespect.org