



Annual Security Report

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1. The Clery and Campus Save Acts

****PLEASE NOTE:** Winebrenner Theological Seminary leases space on the campus of the University of Findlay. As part of a cooperative agreement, University of Findlay provides Campus Security, along with policy/procedures which Winebrenner Theological Seminary staff and students are subject to. Heretofore the University of Findlay, in this report is referred to simply as “UF” Anyone reporting to the UF Campus Safety and Security must identify their status at Winebrenner of student/staff/faculty .**

Choosing an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) is a major decision for students and their families. Along with academic, financial and geographic considerations, the issue of campus safety is a vital concern. In 1990, Congress enacted the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act (Title II of Public Law 101-542), which amended the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). This Act required all colleges and universities participating in Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. The Act was amended in 1992, 1998, 2000 and 2013. The 1998 amendments renamed the Act the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act in memory of a student who was slain in her dorm room in 1986.

Commonly known as “The Clery Act”, the legislation requires IHE’s to give timely warnings of crimes that represent a threat to the safety of students or employees, and to make public their campus security policies. The Clery Act also requires IHE’s to collect statistics on crimes that occur on campus and to report the statistics to the campus community, prospective students and their families and the Department of Education. The primary goal of The Clery Act is to provide students and their families with accurate, complete and timely information on campus safety so they can make an informed comparison of their higher education options. Winebrenner Theological Seminary’s policies relating to The Clery Act and the institution’s crime statistics are found in this document and on Winebrenner Theological Seminary’s Consumer Information webpage.

More information on The Clery Act is available on the Clery Center’s website at www.clerycenter.org.

The Clery Act was amended again in 2013 to address growing concerns regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking incidents on campuses nationwide. This amendment occurred through the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and more specifically under VAWA’s Campus Sexual

Violence Act (or “Campus Save Act”) provision, Section 304. This amendment requires expanded crime reporting obligations and the implementation of specific policies, procedures, and training related to sexual violence and intimate partner violence.

In the calendar year 2024, and for three years prior, there were ZERO crimes noted in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary’s Campus Crime Report.

2. Timely Warnings

UF, on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary, provides Timely Warnings to the campus community of any crime(s) that present a serious and/or continuing threat to the safety of students or employees. The campus community will receive notification via email and UF’s Oiler Alert text messaging system, of which Winebrenner students & staff are enrolled.

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION WARRANTING A TIMELY WARNING SHOULD CONTACT THE SECURITY OFFICE AT 419-434-4799.

Reports of crimes to a Campus Security Authority of UF (Security Office, Student Affairs, and Campus Safety and Emergency Management [CSEM]) will be documented and assessed to determine if a serious and/or continuing threat to the safety of students or employees exists. This determination will be made by the Vice President of Student Affairs in consultation with the Chief of Police and the President of Winebrenner Theological Seminary if the incident involves a Winebrenner student. The Chief of Police will make the determination in the Vice President’s and Winebrenner President’s absence.

Timely Warnings contain details of the crime, a description of the suspect if known, whom to contact with information on the crime, and proactive steps to remain safe. Some information may be withheld if providing that information could risk compromising law enforcement efforts. Additionally, the names and other identifying information of victims are confidential and never included in Timely Warning notifications. Systems used to provide this notification are tested quarterly unless used to disseminate a Timely Warning or other emergency information during that quarter.

Current Timely Warnings can be viewed on the UF’s Safety and Security webpage under the Crime Alerts link (<https://www.findlay.edu/offices/student-affairs/safety-security/Campus-Alerts>).

Current students and employees of Winebrenner Theological Seminary can view the Emergency Procedures section of UF’s Crisis Response Plan, which covers Winebrenner

Theological Seminary, in order to learn about the recommended procedures that will be generally followed during specific types of emergencies, and is intended to provide guidance to any person who initially discovers the emergency or who is first on the scene. This information is available at <https://www.findlay.edu/offices/student-affairs/safety-security/crisis-response>.

3. Annual Security Report

Winebrenner Theological Seminary prepares this Annual Security Report (ASR) in an effort to better inform our students, faculty, and staff of crime on the Winebrenner campus, which is situated on the property of the UF and University-controlled properties, as well as surrounding public property. The crime statistics are compiled from the past three years and are based on data from the UF's Office of Student Affairs, Office of Campus Safety and Emergency Management, the Findlay Police Department, and Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Crime statistics from the main campus (excluding housing) are included in the annual report. Please note that these statistics represent reported cases and do not distinguish between credible incidents and false reports.

Crimes included in the Annual Security Report are those defined by The Clery Act for inclusion and occurring within the geography of the Winebrenner Theological Seminary on the campus of UF. The geography of the Winebrenner and UF includes any buildings and property that are part of the institution's campus, the institution's non-campus buildings and property, public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus, and areas within the patrol jurisdiction of the Campus Safety Office.

Each year, an email notification is sent to all students, faculty, and staff that provides the website address to access this report. Copies of the Annual Security Report may be printed from the

Winebrenner Theological Seminary's Consumer Information page or can be requested from the following offices:

- The President of
Winebrenner Theological
Seminary
Winebrenner Building Room
228
419-434-4201

4. Reporting Crimes

All persons are strongly encouraged to report crimes in a prompt and accurate manner. In the event that a crime has occurred, all students, faculty, staff and patrons of the Winebrenner Theological Seminary are encouraged to notify the UF's Campus Safety and Emergency Management Office for "on campus" crimes and/or local law enforcement for "off campus" crimes or in emergencies where emergency services are required. Individuals are also requested to inform UF Campus Safety and Emergency that he/she is a student/faculty/staff member at Winebrenner.

Crimes occurring "on campus" can be reported to the **UF Campus Security or Campus Police** by calling 419-434-4799 or visiting the office located on the first floor of Lovett Residence Hall (201 Frazier St.). To report a crime "off campus" within the Findlay city limits, contact the **City of Findlay Police Department** non-emergency line at 419-424-7150 or 419-424-7163. For crimes occurring in the county, contact the **Hancock County Sheriff's Office** non-emergency line at 419-422-2424. In the event of an emergency dial 911 and you will be directed to the appropriate agency. Both entities are available to take reports and investigate criminal incidents in their locality.

The UF Campus Security and Campus Police on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary maintain a written Daily Crime Log that records, by the date the crime was reported, any crime that has occurred within the institution's Clery geography and is reported to UF's Campus Safety Office. The information contained in the log includes the nature, date, time and general location of each crime. Additionally, the log also contains the disposition of the complaint, if known.

Entries are made in the log no later than two days following the report of a crime, unless disclosure of the information is prohibited by law or would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim. Further, the UF, on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary, may withhold information from the crime log required by the Clery Act if there is clear and convincing evidence that the release of the information would:

- Jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual;
- Cause a suspect to flee or evade detection; or
- Result in the destruction of evidence.

Once the threat of the adverse condition is abated, UF, on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary, will fully disclose any previously withheld information in the Crime Log.

The public may access the Daily Crime Log for the most recent 60-day period during normal business hours in the UF Campus Safety Office in Lovett Hall. Any portion of the Daily Crime Log older than 60 days will be made available within two business days of a request for public inspection. Requests to inspect the Daily Crime Log may be made by UF Campus Safety Office at 419-434-4799 or in person at the Campus Safety Office in Lovett Hall.

5. Voluntary Confidential Reporting

Victims of crimes who do not wish to pursue action within either the university system or the criminal justice system can file a confidential report. With the victim's permission, the UF's Campus Safety Office on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary can file a report with the details of the incident without revealing the victim's identity.

The purpose of the confidential report is to comply with the victim's wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of the victim and others. With such information, the UF's Campus Safety Office, on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary, can keep accurate records of the number of incidents occurring on-campus, identify criminal patterns with regard to a particular location, method or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Voluntary confidential reports of crimes can be made to the UF Office of Student Affairs, as identified below:

- Campus Safety Office by phone 419-434-4799, or
- In-person at the Campus Safety Office to any Campus Police/Security Officer, or
- On-line via the Silent Victim/Witness link found on the UF Campus Safety webpage

Because police reports are public records under state law, the Findlay Police Department cannot hold reports of crime in confidence.

6. Campus Facility Security and Access

A UF Campus Security Officer also serves Winebrenner Theological Seminary and is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year including Christmas and major holidays. The Chief of Police and Director of Security is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 419-434-4601.

The UF Campus Safety Office, on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary is responsible for locking campus facilities at night and unlocking the facilities in the morning. During days in which class is in session, all academic buildings will be open for classes and business.

Physical Plant employees have access to all campus facilities and are responsible for the maintenance and repair of these facilities.

Vendors employed by the UF or Winebrenner Theological Seminary to perform work on-campus and/or campus facilities must register at the Physical Plant or Campus Safety Office and are required to wear contractor badges at all times when performing work on-campus.

7. Campus Security and Counseling Personnel

The UF on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary employs Campus Security Officers and Campus Police Officers to provide security to UF and Winebrenner Theological Seminary campus community. Their jurisdiction extends primarily to University owned and/or operated property.

The UF Campus Police and Security personnel, on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary, maintain a close working relationship with the Findlay Police Department and Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Given this close working relationship, all crime committed by University students at off-site locations is reported by local law enforcement to the University.

All students, faculty, staff and patrons of Winebrenner Theological Seminary are encouraged to notify local law enforcement and file a report with the appropriate agency when a crime has occurred. Accurate and prompt reporting increases the chances of not only deterring crime but also the chances of identifying suspected persons.

Communication between students and the UF Counseling Services Staff or Campus Ministry Pastors, on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary is confidential and will not be disclosed without the prior, written consent of the student. The State of Ohio Revised Code does provide the following exceptions to this confidentiality and these exceptions will be explained during a student's first session:

- If the therapist has knowledge of abuse of a child, or person with a disability taking place in the present.
- If the counselor has knowledge of intent to harm self or others.
- If the counselor receives a court order to the contrary.

- If the counselor or graduate student is supervised and consults with a supervising staff member within Counseling Services.

8. Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

In addition to patrolling, both on foot and in marked vehicles, the UF Campus Safety Office has programs in place in order to make students and employees aware of not only UF Campus Safety's presence but the available services as well.

Self-defense courses are taught periodically throughout the academic year and are open to all students, including Winebrenner Theological Seminary students if so desired. Information is presented informing students about crime prevention as well as self-defense tactics.

Information on available services is also available on the UF Campus Safety and Emergency Management webpage and by speaking with UF Campus Safety representatives.

Winebrenner Theological Seminary students do not live on the campus of the University of Findlay.

The Oiler Alert emergency text notification system is used to disseminate emergency notification messages to the UF campus community and Winebrenner Theological Seminary campus community when emergencies occur. These messages provide information on the emergency and provide information students and employees can use to take responsibility for their own safety and security. Students and employees of Winebrenner Theological Seminary are automatically enrolled in this program.

Code Blue Emergency Phones are located throughout the UF Main Campus, East Campus and South Campus. Phones are located in common areas, parking lots, on buildings and in walkways. When activated by pushing the red Emergency Button, the phone is immediately connected to the UF Campus Safety Office and Campus Security Cell Phone. Additionally, all Officers present on campus are dispatched immediately to the location of a phone that has been activated.

UF and Winebrenner Theological Seminary is widely covered by security cameras operated and maintained by the Campus Safety Office. These cameras are placed on the exterior and interior of academic and housing facilities on campus as well in parking lots and common areas. Cameras provide UF Campus Safety with the

capability to identify potential suspects and act as a physical presence working to deter crime through their presence.

9. Alcoholic Beverages

General Guidelines:

Winebrenner recognizes that the possession, use, cultivation, or distribution of central nervous system stimulants and depressants, narcotics, and hallucinogenic drugs is incompatible with state 95 and federal law and with the mission of the Seminary. Considerable medical evidence informs us that the use of drugs of this kind, except under medical supervision, may induce physical and emotional dependence on their use and that such use may be dangerously harmful to the student user and may seriously jeopardize the student's performance in Seminary and in ministry. Considering these facts, Winebrenner will not permit the unlawful possession, use, cultivation, or distribution of marijuana, narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, prescription drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, and/or any other illegal substances, either on-campus or at any Seminary sponsored activity off-campus. Likewise, the use or possession of alcoholic beverages is also prohibited. Violators of this policy will be subject to suspension from the Seminary.

Student Specific Guidelines:

Any student, regardless of age, who exhibits definite signs of intoxication or who has possession of alcoholic beverages on Winebrenner controlled property, or at a Winebrenner sponsored event off campus (this includes field trips, conferences, and any other events paid for with Winebrenner funds) will be subject to judicial action that may include one or more of the following: a monetary fine, probation status, counseling, campus service, restitution, restriction in campus access, suspension, or dismissal. This also applies to the possession of empty alcohol containers, or "empties" used for any purpose, including decoration.

Employee Specific Guidelines:

Any employee, regardless of age, who exhibits definite signs of intoxication or who has possession of alcoholic beverages on within Winebrenner Theological Seminary leased space, or at a Winebrenner sponsored event off campus will be subject to personnel action by the President of Winebrenner. That action may include one or more of the following: warning, probation status, counseling, restriction in campus access, suspension, or dismissal.

Student Organization Guidelines:

Winebrenner Theological Seminary does not recognize any student organizations with on campus activity.

10. Illegal Drug Possession

UF on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary recognizes that the manufacturing, sale, possession, or use of illegal substances is incompatible with federal law. UF, acting on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary will not permit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of any illegal substances or paraphernalia. Violators of this policy will be subject sanctions up to and including possible suspension from the Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

The possession, distribution, cultivation or use by any student or employee, of any narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs in either the refined or crude form, except under the direction of a licensed physician and as permitted by federal law, is prohibited on UF owned or controlled properties, including Winebrenner Theological Seminary leased space and at functions sponsored by the Winebrenner Theological Seminary off campus. Non-Medical use of prescription medication is prohibited, including taking prescription medications not prescribed to the student, distributing personal prescription medication to others, whether for a fee or for free, using the prescriptions in manners not intended by the prescribing physician (i.e. nasal ingestion), or misusing medication for a desired effect not intended by the prescribing physician.

The possession, distribution, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on any property owned or controlled by UF, including space leased by Winebrenner Theological Seminary or at functions sponsored by the Winebrenner Theological Seminary off campus.

11. Substance Abuse Education

All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to seek help early in the discovery of a problem with alcohol and/or other drugs. The earlier assistance is obtained, the less likely there will be serious, negative consequences resulting from an alcohol or drug problem. Persons seeking assistance for a substance abuse problem will not be sanctioned by Winebrenner Theological Seminary as a result of seeking such assistance.

UF, acting on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary will assist individuals needing drug or alcohol counseling and/or treatment through counseling services (419-434-4526), health services (419-434-4550) and appropriate local agencies. A high quality effort will be made to enhance the institution's capability for offering employees and students meaningful and helpful referral to treatment services when it becomes clear that neither campus prevention nor early intervention activities have

met an individual's needs. Counseling Services can provide other campus and community resources.

Counseling Guidelines

There are times when clinical counseling is needed in order for a person to effectively prepare for ministry. Counseling is the most effective when the counseling style meets the needs of the person being counseled. Therefore, the Seminary may recommend counseling options rather than a set person or group of counselors. When such counseling is needed, the Seminary will make recommendations for a student and/or spouse based on the following guidelines:

- Faculty and staff may make recommendations for counseling. However, only the Academic Dean or the President may authorize participation in Seminary-supported counseling.
- Initial counseling services through UF Counseling Services Center will be utilized.
- The Seminary will assist, when necessary, with the cost of the counseling sessions. However, the person receiving the counseling will provide at least 25% of the cost (after insurance benefits). An Authorization for Payment of Counseling Sessions will need to be signed by the Academic Dean or the President before payment is made. Need-based financial support from the Seminary is available, up to ten counseling sessions, during a student's academic career at the Seminary. If need exists beyond the tenth session, a request will be considered by the Academic Dean.
- For the Seminary to financially support a student and/or spouse in the counseling process, the person being counseled must sign an Authorization for Release of Information Counseling Sessions Form, available from the Academic Dean.

Drug/Alcohol Prevention Program Guidelines

Winebrenner recognizes that the possession, use, cultivation, or distribution of central nervous system stimulants and depressants, narcotics, and hallucinogenic drugs is incompatible with state 94 and federal law and with the mission of the Seminary. Considerable medical evidence informs us that the use of drugs of this kind, except under medical supervision, may induce physical and emotional dependence on their use and that such use may be dangerously harmful to the student user and may seriously jeopardize the student's performance in Seminary and in ministry. Considering these facts, Winebrenner will not permit the unlawful possession, use, cultivation, or distribution of marijuana, narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, prescription drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, and/or any other illegal substances, either on-campus or at any Seminary sponsored activity off-campus.

Likewise, the use or possession of alcoholic beverages is also prohibited. Violators of this policy will be subject to suspension from the Seminary. The complete Drug/Alcohol Prevention Program Guidelines may be obtained through the Student Resource Organization on Populi.

12. Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct

Title IX prohibits Winebrenner Theological Seminary from discrimination on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities that it operates. This prohibition extends to admission and employment. Winebrenner has adopted a policy that provides for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Title IX and explains the process that Winebrenner Theological Seminary will use for doing so. A copy of this policy is available on the Winebrenner website at: <https://winebrenner.edu/title-ix/>

The Title IX Coordinator has been designated and authorized to coordinate Winebrenner's efforts to address concerns relating to discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person who experienced the conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), at any time including non-business hours by contacting the Title IX Coordinator as follows:

Mr. Thomas Weaver
Title IX Coordinator
Winebrenner Theological Seminary
tweaver@winebrenner.edu

Inquiries about Title IX may also be directed to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights by contacting 1-800-421-3481 or emailing ocr@ed.gov.

13. Sex Offender Registration

The Clery Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in Ohio to provide notice, as required under State law, to each institution of higher education in Ohio at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, volunteers services, or is a student.

In the State of Ohio convicted sex offenders must register with the County Sheriff of the county of residence within seven days. The registry was established pursuant to 2950.14 of the Ohio Revised Code. Every person convicted on or after July 1, 1997, including juveniles tried and convicted in the courts pursuant to ORC 2950.03, whether sentenced as adults or juveniles, of an offense for which registration is required shall be required as part of the sentence imposed upon conviction to register and re-register with the County Sheriff of the residency county as provided in ORC 2950.04.

In addition, all persons convicted of violations under the laws of The United States or any other State substantially similar to an offense for which registration is required shall provide to the local agency all necessary information for inclusion with an Ohio County Sheriff within seven days of establishing a residence with the Ohio County. Any person required to register shall also be required to re-register within seven days following any change of residence, whether within the county or any other county. The UF Security Office on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary maintains a web link with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office web page for Registered Sex Offenders within Hancock County.

14. Emergency Response and Evacuation

The UF on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary has developed a comprehensive Crisis Response Plan that is all- hazards based and covers the emergency response and evacuation procedures for the campus. Current students and employees of Winebrenner Theological Seminary can view the Emergency Procedures section of UF's Crisis Response Plan in order to learn about the recommended procedures that will be generally followed during specific types of emergencies, and is intended to provide guidance to any person who initially discovers the emergency or who is first on the scene. This information is available at <https://www.findlay.edu/offices/student-affairs/safetysecurity/crisis-response>.

Students, faculty and staff will be notified of a significant emergency or dangerous situation through a variety of emergency notification systems. The primary method by which the UF will notify the campus community, including Winebrenner students, staff, and faculty is through the Oiler Alert text messaging system. Students and employees are automatically enrolled in the system and will receive text messages in the event of an emergency. Other methods include Blue Light Phone speakers in outdoor locations, email, and computer pop-up alerts.

These notification systems are activated by the Core Emergency Response Team that consists of UF President, Vice Presidents of Student Affairs, Business Affairs, Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management and University Advancement. The Chief of

Police and Director of Security, Director of the Physical Plant, and Chief Information Officer are also members of this team.

Initial activation of the notification systems begins with either UF's V.P. of Student Affairs, or Chief of Police receiving information regarding an emergency on campus. If confirmation is needed, additional information will be gathered through the UF Campus Safety Office or contacting the affected area of campus. Upon confirmation either the UF V.P. or Chief of Police will send the notification to the campus community. These notifications are sent without delay, and with as much information necessary for students and employees to respond appropriately.

UF on behalf of Winebrenner Theological Seminary will weigh the safety of the campus community to determine the content of notifications and will withhold information if, in the professional judgment of the responsible authorities, the release of information will compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Emergency notification systems are tested quarterly unless used to disseminate information regarding an emergency condition on campus during that quarter. Tests of emergency notification systems and evacuation procedures are announced in advance of the tests.