

Hate Crimes

The following podcast is provided by the UCF Office of Emergency Management which strives to protect the wellbeing of UCF students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Hate crimes and bias incidents are situations that involve violence, property damage, bullying, or perceived threat that is motivated by the offender's bias against someone's race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.

Hate crimes don't always involve physical violence. Sometimes they can be threatening or derogatory language or writing that is directed at someone who is different from the offender.

UCF strives to provide all of its students, faculty, and staff members with a safe and inclusive environment. Any threats or perceived discrimination towards someone because of their differences is violations of the University's Golden Rule.

UCF has resources across campus such as its Allies Program that offers support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning persons at the university.

UCF Office of Diversity Initiative also provides training and support for individuals across campus. You can also follow important safety tips to keep you safe and avoid being the victim of any crime. Always know your surroundings, don't travel alone especially after dark, don't trust strangers - trust your instincts, and always have your cell phones charged and ready.

If you or someone you know has become a victim of a hate crime or any other crime reports it to the UCF Police Department immediately at (407) 823-5555 or call 9-1-1. UCF Victim Services is available for more information regarding hate crimes. Log on to www.victimservices.ucf.edu or call the office at (407) 823-2425.