SUNY Campus Climate Survey
Respondent Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1) What is the purpose of the SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention Campus Climate Survey?
Answer: The SUNY Campus Climate Survey is intended to gather information from students, faculty, and staff about sexual and interpersonal violence. Questions include personal experiences with sexual and interpersonal violence, and knowledge of policies and resources in the event of an incident. Every college and university in New York is required by law to ask students about their experiences at least every other year. SUNY Board policy also requires that SUNY institutions ask faculty and staff about their experiences. There are entirely separate surveys for students and faculty/staff.

2) Who is administering the SUNY Campus Climate Survey?
Answer: The survey is being administered by a working group from SUNY System Administration, with assistance from each campus.

3) Which students can participate in the Campus Climate Survey? Am I eligible?
Answer: All students over the age of 18 taking at least one course for credit are eligible. That includes full and part-time students, as well as students taking courses exclusively online. High school students are not eligible.

4) Are there any incentives for student participation? Do I receive anything?
Answer: Yes, student participants are eligible for one of 150 $100 Amazon gift cards. After a student finishes the survey, they can enter their name and email in a separate incentive survey. SUNY System will randomly draw 150 winners, and will contact the winners by email with the Amazon e-gift code. Please note that students are not required to participate in the incentive survey to submit their answers to the Campus Climate Survey.

5) What are my rights as a student? Do I have to do this?
Answer: Participation is entirely voluntary; a student can skip any question, or stop at any time without penalty. Choosing to submit information for the incentive survey is entirely voluntary.

6) Which faculty and staff can participate in the Campus Climate Survey?
Answer: All full and part-time faculty and staff can participate in the Campus Climate Survey.

7) What are my rights as a faculty or staff member? Do I have to do this?
Answer: Participation is entirely voluntary; a faculty or staff member can skip any question, or stop at any time without penalty.

8) When do I have to complete the survey?
Answer: Each campus will select a window for the survey to remain open, and each campus will have it open for responses for at least three weeks. If you received a reminder email to complete the survey, the survey is still open and taking responses.

9) How will the results be shared?
Answer: Each campus will report their results on their college’s website. SUNY System Administration will also report on results across the system.
10) I have experienced sexual or interpersonal violence; are there any resources to help me?
Answer: At the end of each page on the survey is a link to www.suny.edu/violence-response/. This is commonly called the SAVR resource. This link allows users to search for on and off campus resources by campus, zip code, or map, and includes resources available to students, faculty, and staff. If you are feeling distressed, please use the SAVR resource to anonymously identify offices or agencies that can help you.

11) How do I find out more information on the survey content and results?
Answer: You can go to www.suny.edu/climatesurvey for information on the survey, including survey administration and content. Please note that results will be reported no earlier than summer 2018.

12) I have questions or concerns, who should I contact?
Answer: If you’re having problems with the survey, email Climate.Survey@suny.edu. If you want to report an incident of sexual or interpersonal violence, reach out to your campus Title IX Coordinator, Student Affairs, or Counseling Office. The SAVR resource will help you identify that person.