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UVic is committed to preventing and addressing [sexualized violence](#) on our campus. We want everyone to feel safe here, and to understand the resources and support options available to them. This includes **international students** who are an important and valuable part of our community.

Here are the answers to some specific questions and concerns that international students might have about sexualized violence.

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At UVic you have a right to:

- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Live and learn without experiencing sexualized violence
- Be asked for your [consent](#) before intimate personal interactions. This includes everything from hugging, to dating, and romantic

Where can I go for support? You can call, email, or go to the [Sexualized Violence Resource Office](#) or [International Student Services](#)

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# What is sexualized violence?

UVic defines sexualized violence as “any non-consensual, unwanted, actual, attempted, or threatened act or behavior that is carried out through sexual means or by targeting a person’s sex, sexual identity, or gender identity or expression.”

## What forms it takes

Sexualized violence can take many forms and may or may not involve direct physical contact. This means that sexualized violence can occur verbally, physically, or online. Sexualized violence includes, but is not limited to:

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aware of all the ways people communicate their boundaries is the responsibility of the person wanting the physical and/or more intimate interaction.

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## Consent training

UVic has several different workshops that offer training on consent. For example, the Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Training offered through Equity and Human Rights includes a section on respect and consent. The Anti-Violence Project has an entire workshop devoted to [Understanding Consent Culture](#). And the [Bringing in the Bystander](#) workshop offered through the Office of Student Life also provides information on consent. Finally, the University of Victoria Student Society partners with the groups and offices mentioned above in their [Let's Get](#)