What is the Clery Act?

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (known as the Clery Act) is a federal law requiring United States colleges and universities to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. The Act is enforced by the United States Department of Education. The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to do the following with regards to sexual assault reports: 1) Publish an Annual Security Report; 2) Disclose crime statistics for incidents that occur on campus, in unobstructed public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus and at certain non-campus facilities; 3) Issue timely warnings about Clery Act crimes which pose a serious or ongoing threat to students and employees; and 4) Devise an emergency response, notification, and testing policy.

The categories of crimes that must be reported are:

- Homicide
- Murder & Manslaughter
- Sex Offenses: Forcible (sexual battery, sexual assault, rape)
- Sex Offenses: Non-Forcible (statutory rape, incest)
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Domestic Violence
- Dating Violence
- Stalking

Hate crimes must also be reported by category, including by the following: Race, gender, gender identity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and disability.