

Annual Crime Report 2004

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**“The Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will
provide, upon request, all campus crime statistics as
reported to the United States Department of
Education”**

Information regarding Hunter College crime statistics may be accessed
on the following web-site,

<http://ope.ed.gov/security>

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Hunter College is centrally located on 68th Street and Lexington Avenue, in the heart of one of the most exciting neighborhoods in the city. The shops, restaurants, and close proximity to Central Park, makes the area attractive to all New Yorkers. The subway system makes the daily commute convenient and refreshing with the Number 6 line stopping right at the Main Campus.

Hunter College offers graduate and undergraduate courses of study in liberal arts and sciences, as well as several professional fields; education, health and sciences, nursing and social work. With a student body of nearly 20,000 male and female students in day and evening classes, the college employs 1,200 full time faculty and staff personnel.

Hunter College's uniqueness does not stop there. Our residential dormitory, known as the Brookdale Campus, is the only dorm in the CUNY system. Brookdale is the home to nearly 600 male and female students and resident nurses. The dorm is located in lower Manhattan and is close to everything. The campus is closely monitored by public safety personnel 24 hours a day.

About Public Safety

Established in 1991, the CUNY Public Safety Department was created to further ensure that those who attend any of the CUNY institutions do so in a safe and comfortable environment.

CUNY Public Safety Officers are sworn Peace Officers and have arrest authority granted them by the City of New York. They are designated as New York City Special Patrolmen/Peace Officers in accordance with Section 2.10, subsection 27 of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law. Campus Peace Officers (CPO) undergo six weeks of training at York College, where they receive training pertaining to servicing the college community and how to effectively handle situations which may occur on a college campus and in the surrounding community. Campus Security Assistants (CSA) are employed as security guards in accordance with Article 7A of the General Business Law. CSA's do not have arrest authority above that of a private citizen.

All Hunter College Department of Public Safety personnel wear distinctive uniforms and carry two-way radios. Additionally, the college has a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Unit to respond to medical emergencies on the Main Campus. These personnel are trained in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other emergency response procedures.

Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to report all public safety concerns to this department. In 2005 a mechanism has been added to the Hunter Public Safety web page which allows the college community to report crimes anonymously. At the present time there is no procedure in place that encourages pastoral and professional counselors to inform the persons that they are counseling to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for the inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

The Director of the Public Safety Department is Mr. Louis J. Mader, who has an extensive public safety background. Mr. Mader is assisted in the daily operations of the Department by a Deputy Director, Mr. Richard Meier. The Public Safety staff includes three Lieutenants, eight Sergeants, eight Corporals, three Specialists, 36 Campus Peace Officers, and 34 Campus Security Assistants. The staff maintains several “fixed” posts, a communications center as well as roving patrols.

The campus is monitored 24 hours a day by members of the Public Safety staff. After the campus is closed all persons entering the institution must sign in. The lobby of the West Building is available to all current Hunter College students to be used as a place of study 24 hours a day. Only those students with written permission from a department head, or faculty member, are permitted to go to areas other than the West Lobby. A student that wants to remain on campus after hours must request permission to do so, in writing, through their Department head, or designee sponsoring the after hour visit. The permission and a supporting letter must be provided to Public Safety.

Complaints and Information

Complaints and requests for information concerning Public Safety services should be made to Mr. Louis J. Mader, the Director of Public Safety at (212) 772-4521.

After hours, all calls for Public Safety service should be made to (212) 772-4447.

Security Policies

The policy of the City University and of Hunter College is that:

Students and employees will report safety hazards; crimes; loss of property; illness or injury. Proper reporting assists in the apprehension of criminals and ensures the safety of the college community. Incidents can be reported to any Public Safety officer or by calling the Office of Public Safety.

Any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health, or involves forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation or affiliation with any organization is prohibited.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illegal drugs or controlled substance by University students or employees on University/College property, or as part of any University/College activities is prohibited. Employees of the University must also notify the College Personnel Director of any criminal conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than (5) days after such conviction.

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by students or employees on University/College property, or as part of any University/College activities is prohibited.

The legal age for possession and consumption of alcohol in New York State is 21. It is against the law to sell or give away alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

Public Safety Emergencies

Throughout the Hunter College Main Campus and Brookdale Campus are stainless steel colored “Talk-Alert” boxes. The Talk-Alert boxes are mounted on walls near elevators, stairways and female bathrooms. Talk-Alerts are to be used for any and all emergencies on campus. Just push the black button, wait for the

box to connect with Public Safety communications and a verbal response to your emergency. You may always reach Public Safety by dialing 4444 from any internal telephone, or 911 from a cellular phone will connect you with NYPD. To dial 911 from an interior campus telephone you must dial a 9 first (9-911).

Weapons

No individual within the University community, except Peace Officers, pursuant to authorization of the College Presidents, shall have in their possession a rifle, shotgun, firearm or any other dangerous instrument or material that can be used to inflict bodily harm on an individual, or damage to a building or the grounds of the campus.

Sexual Harassment

It is the policy of The City University of New York and Hunter College to prohibit sexual harassment of employees and students. It is a violation of policy for any member of the college community to take action against any individual for reporting sexual harassment.

Hunter College has a sexual harassment panel, appointed by the President, which consists of faculty, staff, and students. The panel is charged with ensuring that the college community is familiar with the sexual harassment policies of Hunter College and the City University. Other responsibilities include investigating reports of sexual harassment and forwarding findings and recommendations to the college President. A member of the faculty, staff, or student should report sexual harassment occurrences to a member of the Sexual Harassment Panel or to the Dean of Students. And, if required, to the local city police precinct. Reporting information can also be found in college catalogs and schedule of classes.

Employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, should also contact their union representative to file a formal grievance if they are being sexually harassed by a member of their department. Confidential counseling is available through the Office of the Dean of Students and through the Employee Assistance Program.

Assistance and Support for Victims

Victims of sexual assault can receive counseling from campus services. Any person who has been the victim of a sexual offense should report the incident to the Dean of Students, the Vice President for Administration, Public Safety Department, or the head of the Sexual Harassment Panel.

The contact numbers are:

Dean of Students	(212) 772-4847
Vice-President for Finance and Administration	(212) 772-4460
Public Safety	(212) 772-4444 or 4447
Sexual Harassment Panel	(212) 452-7110

In addition to on campus assistance, sexual assault victims may also report the crime to the nearest police precinct, or contact Witness Aid Services Unit-Manhattan DA office at (212) 335-9040. This unit provides crisis intervention, short term counseling, advocacy and assistance to victims of assault and domestic violence. The Public Safety Department will assist any person through this process.

Additional supportive agencies are:

24 Hour Rape Hotline (female answered) **(212) 267-RAPE (7273)**

Victim Services Agency **24 hour hotline** **(212) 577-7777**

Domestic Violence Hotline **(800) 621-HOPE (6673)**

Protecting Evidence in Sexual Offense Cases

To assist law enforcement authorities in prosecuting violators of sexual assaults, victims should not destroy evidence that may be used in such prosecutions. This evidence could be destroyed by bathing and washing away residue of the violators semen, hairs, or DNA from their bodies, or by discarding soiled clothing that may still contain important evidence.

Policies for Preparing the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

As required by Federal Law, Hunter College's yearly crime statistics for this report are compiled on a calendar basis and in accordance with the definitions of crimes provided by the FBI for use in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. These statistics include the three years of 2002, 2003, and 2004 of reported crimes that occurred on campus and in certain off-campus buildings/property owned or controlled by Hunter College. In addition, these statistics are gathered from reported crimes to Public Safety/Officers, crimes reported to other campus officials with significant responsibility for students and campus activities as well as those crimes reported to the local precinct. These statistics also include persons referred for campus disciplinary action for categories required under the Cleary Act including liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession.