

Your rights as a student

Our college welcomes all students, including undocumented and mixed-status families. You belong here.

In the United States, all people regardless of immigration status are protected equally under the Constitution. You have certain rights, including:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (1964)

Schools and colleges that receive federal funds cannot discriminate against you because of your race, color, where you are from, or the language you speak, regardless of your immigration status.

4th Amendment

You have the right to privacy and to be free from unreasonable searches. Police or immigration officers usually need a warrant or good legal reason to search your person, home, or belongings.

5th Amendment

You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer questions from police, immigration officers (ICE), or other officials about your immigration status, where you were born, or how you came to the U.S. You can say, "I am using my right to remain silent."

14th Amendment

Everyone must be treated equally under the law. This means the government cannot treat you differently or take away your rights without fair legal steps (due process). No matter your immigration status, you are entitled to the same basic constitutional protections.

Resources

UFW Foundation Free Immigration Legal Services Project

Free immigration legal help is available for all current Gavilan College students, staff and faculty.

At Gavilan College, you can book an appointment with an Immigration attorney/DOJ Accredited Representative from the UFW Foundation.

Services provided:

- Adjustment of status
- Immigration relief screenings
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Family-based petitions
- Naturalization/Citizenship
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- T visas
- U visas
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Petitions

Types of Immigration Legal Services Provided:

- Help completing forms
- Filings with USCIS
- Representation before the Immigration Court
- Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)
- Federal Court Appeals

ICE Detainee Locator

locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search

To locate someone, you will need:

- Full name
- Country of Birth
- A-number (Alien Registration Number)

Phone number:
1-888-351-4024
Monday - Friday

Higher Ed Immigration Portal
higheredimmigrationportal.org

Immigrants Rising
immigrantsrising.org

Community Agency for Resources, Advocacy and Services (CARAS)
odfree.santaclaracounty.gov

Santa Clara County
desj.santaclaracounty.gov/oir/resources



Safety and Support for Undocumented Students



This brochure does not provide legal advice; it is meant to share information and help our community stay informed.



Know what to do if Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) is on Campus?

Do Not Panic

Immediate compliance is not required. Our college must follow state legal procedures. Immigration officers must comply with applicable state laws.

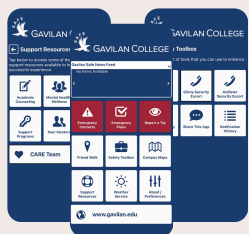
Communicate

Politely inform the officer that you are not obstructing their process but must refer them to the proper channels for guidance and assistance.

Notify Campus Security Immediately

Call Gavilan Security at (408) 710-7490. Campus security will contact the Office of the President

Students and staff will be notified with a Gav Alert if ICE is on campus. To access support resources; download the GavSafe app.



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During ICE Interrogation Stay Calm, Speak Carefully

ICE agents can be very persistent in trying to get you to talk. Don't be intimidated, remember:



At Home

- Agents may pretend to be police.
- Do not open the door unless you see a judge-signed warrant with your name.
- Ask them to slide it under the door or show it through a window.
- You can refuse a search without a warrant.

In Your Car

- Keep doors locked; open windows just enough to talk.
- Stay silent about immigration.
- Only show ID if state law requires the driver to.
- Say: "I do not consent to this search" if ICE wants to search.

In the Public

- Do not answer questions about immigration status or where you were born.
- Ask: "Am I free to leave?" If yes, walk away calmly. If no, say: "I choose to remain silent."
- Contact your Rapid Response Network.

If Detained

- Stay calm; do not resist.
- Say: "I choose to remain silent and I want a lawyer."
- Do not sign anything until a lawyer reviews it.
- Share your A-number with a trusted person so they can help locate you.

On Campus

- If you see immigration enforcement on or near campus, do not engage.
- Call Campus Security immediately at (408) 710-7490.
- Watch for campus text alerts and check the safety app for updates.

The information on this pamphlet has been carefully reviewed and vetted to ensure accuracy and reliability.

Safety Tips



If you experience an immigration-related encounter on campus, report it immediately to Gavilan Campus Security at (408) 710-7490.

Campus Security will contact the President's Office for further instructions.

Pick up red cards and other resources at any campus center!



Rapid Response Networks are 24/7 hotlines that offer real-time help during immigration enforcement actions. Trained volunteers document incidents, connect people with legal aid, and provide moral support. The program also offers trainings across several counties to help community members protect immigrant rights and stand in solidarity.

Rapid Response Networks



Santa Clara County:

- (408) 290-1144
- amigoscenter.com/rapid-response

San Benito County:

- (831) 204-8082
- sbcsolidaritynetwork.org



Santa Cruz County:

- (831) 239-4289
- santacruzrapidresponse.org

Monterey County:

- (831) 204-8082
- sbcsolidaritynetwork.org

bit.ly/gavicep

