

## RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION EXEMPTION DISCLOSURE

Hope International University is an educational institution that serves a religious organization, the Churches of Christ and Christian Churches that takes seriously antidiscrimination provisions under federal and state law, and is committed to providing a learning and living environment that promotes student safety, transparency, personal integrity, civility and mutual respect. Hope International University is also exempted by the state from California Education Code 66270, to the extent the application of California Education Code 66270 is not consistent with the institution's religious tenets.

The exemption may apply to, but is not limited to, requirements as expressed in University policies including: the <u>Student Code of Conduct</u>, <u>housing policies</u>, <u>mission statement</u>, and <u>University Catalog</u>. We retain all rights afforded to us under the federal law and the laws of the State of California.

Hope International University has not applied for the regulatory exemption under Title IX, 34 C.F.R. section 106.12 but the Title IX statutory exemption provided by Congress, see 20 U.S.C. section 1681(a)(3), is self-executing. As an educational institution that serves a religious organization, is entitled to that statutory exemption to the extent the application of Title IX is not consistent with the institution's religious tenets.