SEC-041

Use of Amplified Sound on Outdoor University Property

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Contact Office Student Affairs Event Management

Oversight Executive
Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Applies To Academic Division.

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Reason for Policy

The University is committed to providing an environment conducive to its mission of education and research. Requirements have been established to ensure that amplified sound associated with events held on University property does not disrupt the academic and work environments.

Definition of Terms

Amplified Sound

Description Any sound that is broadcast through electronically amplified equipment.

University Property

Description

Land or buildings that the University owns or leases and that is under the control of the Board of Visitors. University property also includes premises the University uses for activities of its offices, departments, personnel, or students.

Policy Statement

Use of amplified sound on outdoor University property is subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions. Use of amplified sound on outdoor property ***requires advance approval*** by Student Affairs Event Management, UVA Recreation Sports for UVA Rec areas, Housing and Residence Life for residential

community areas, or the Deans of the School of Medicine and Nursing for outdoor University property near the Schools of Medicine and Nursing.

Amplified sound is not permitted for more than three hours per day per outdoor area. A sound check lasting no more than 45 minutes may be approved in addition to the three-hour reservation. Amplified sound on outdoor University property will generally be approved only for the following time-frames during academic sessions:

Friday: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Amplified sound will not be permitted where it disrupts student education, academic activities, research, patient care, scheduled events, University functions, residences, or the faculty/staff work environment.

Exclusions:
This policy does not apply to use of amplified sound on outdoor University Property for events and activities endorsed by the President and sponsored by the Office of Major Events, another University office, or a University-Associated Organization. In order to avoid accidental conflicts with other scheduled activities and events, use of amplified sound on outdoor property ***requires advance approval*** as noted above.

Compliance with Policy:
Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with relevant University policies.

Any person who violates this policy may be removed from University property and/or prosecuted for trespass or other offenses under state law.

Individuals or groups not in compliance with this policy may have their event cancelled, suspended, or terminated.

Direct questions about this policy to Student Affairs Event Management.

Related Information

PRM-017: Duties Toward Speakers and Use of University Facilities or Property
PRM-018: Issuance of Trespass Warnings

Major Category Safety, Security and Environmental Quality

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Supercedes Policy Text

Amplified Sound (Undergraduate Record).

Approved By Policy Review Committee

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