

	Responsible Executive:	Vice President for Capital Planning and Campus Operations
	Responsible Office:	Space Management and Campus Services and Activities
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	Policy Title:	Campus Use

Definitions

Academic Activity: educational activity by the University’s instructors and students in pursuit of learning, the obtainment of degrees or certificates, or otherwise in furtherance of the University’s educational and teaching mission.

Chalking: writing, drawing, or otherwise marking on any University Property using sidewalk chalk, spray chalk, chalk markers, washable paint, or any other commercially produced or homemade product regardless of how easily it can be removed from surfaces. This does not include the authorized marking of University Property by University employees, contractors, or government officials in the performance of their duties. Chalking does not include the use of chalkboard chalk on chalkboards or dry erase markers on dry erase boards.

Encampment: a temporary shelter, including tents, that is installed on the campus of a university or community college and that is used to stay on the campus overnight or for a prolonged period of time.

Event: a planned gathering, whether in-person or virtual or both, of individuals for a pre-identified purpose, program, or agenda (*e.g.*, presentations, performances, forums, rallies, dances, speakers, conferences, concerts, social functions, celebrations, protests, tailgates, etc.). For purposes of this policy, Events do not include the University’s National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) athletic activities (*e.g.*, sports team practice sessions or games) or Academic Activities such as class meetings, faculty office hours, laboratory work, study groups, and similar routine instructional activities or occasions related to coursework.

External User: a third-party person or entity not controlled or administered by the University or under the University’s authority. For purposes of this policy, alumni or alumni organizations, student groups or organizations not registered with the Office of the Dean of Students, and University employees engaged in nonwork-related or private activities are classified as External Users when seeking to use University Facilities.

Internal User: divisions, departments, colleges, schools, institutes, programs, Student Organizations, or any other element of the University that wishes to use a University Facility in furtherance of its official purposes or goals that broadly further the University’s mission.

Major Event: a relatively large or significant Event where one or more of the following applies: i) coordination with local law enforcement or other external agencies is recommended or required; ii) substantial interference with the University’s normal functions, activities, or campus operations may occur; iii) alcohol will be served; or iv) the University has made the

determination, in its sole discretion. Determinations are made on a content- and viewpoint-neutral basis. Major Events must be approved in advance.

Membrane Structure: An air-inflated, air-supported, cable or frame-covered structure as defined by the International Building Code and not otherwise defined as a Tent.

Student Organization: academic, political, cultural, religious, spiritual, social, or recreational student groups or clubs officially registered with the University in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the [Student Organization Manual](#).

Temporary Structures: any display, apparatus, object, tent, canopy, fence, wall, enclosure, or other structures that is not permanently affixed or which is not otherwise designed or intended for permanent placement on University Property.

Tent: a structure, enclosure, umbrella structure or shelter, with or without sidewalls or drops, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported in any manner except air or the contents it protects (see "Umbrella Structure").

Umbrella Structure: a structure, enclosure or shelter with or without sidewalls or drops, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by a central pole or poles (see "Tent").

University Facilities or **University Property:** all buildings, land, or other properties owned, operated, managed, or controlled by the University wherever located.

University Meeting: regularly scheduled or occasional gatherings with the general focus or purpose of which is to conduct, accomplish, or advance University business (e.g., divisional, department, faculty, or staff meetings, presentations, Faculty Senate sessions, trainings, luncheons, presentations, holiday gatherings, etc.).

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University Facilities are devoted to and maintained for the sovereign function of providing higher education to the people and are not places of unrestricted public access. As a public institution, spontaneous demonstrations or protests may occur on campus. Spontaneous demonstrations or protests and participating individuals are subject to University policies. As a highly residential campus, the University adopts policies and procedures to preserve the safety of the University community and ensure residents' peaceful enjoyment of on-campus housing.

Section I: General Use

A. Applicability

This policy applies to all University Facilities, all administrators responsible for their use, all University units that use or sponsor the use of University Facilities, and all External Users of University Facilities.

B. Permitted Uses and Purposes

At all times, all uses of University Facilities must comport with all applicable legal, policy, and contractual requirements, including but not limited to, anti-discrimination, accessibility, clear bag, technology, parking, safety, security, and fire safety laws and policies. University Facilities are not available and may not be used for purposes or activities that discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, marital status, or disability.

The following are prohibited unless specifically authorized as part of University approved events including receipt of a Fire Marshal Operational Permit for operations and materials outlined in the [Fire Safety Manual](#):

1. Use of sound amplification equipment.
2. Light projections displayed on University Property.
3. Camping, including:
 - a. The establishment or, or attempt to establish, temporary or permanent living quarters at any location on University Property, except designated on-campus housing.
 - b. Sleeping outdoors with or without bedding, Tent, hammock, or similar device, structure, protection, or equipment between the hours of 10:00p.m. and 8:00a.m.
 - c. Sleeping in or under any parked vehicle.
 - d. Establishing or attempting to establish a temporary or permanent place for cooking, storing belongings, or sleeping by setting up any bedding or sleeping equipment, Tents or other Temporary Structures, or stockpiling food and/or beverages.
4. Temporary Structures, Membrane Structures, Umbrella Structures, and Tents.
5. Demonstrations or protests in University buildings that interfere with University business or Academic Activities, or that present a public safety risk.
6. Open burning, including, but not limited to bonfires, campfires, pyrotechnics, tiki torches, vigil candles, etc.
7. Obstructing ingress or egress to or from any University Facility.
8. Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic on University Property.

C. Encampments

1. Establishing or occupying an Encampment is prohibited.

2. Individuals or groups that establish or occupy an Encampment will be directed to dismantle the Encampment and leave University Property.
3. Failure to leave University Property when directed is criminal trespass and will be reported to NAUPD.
 - a. The University will initiate disciplinary action against any student who refuses to comply with the direction to leave campus.
 - b. The University will initiate disciplinary action against any employee who refuses to comply with the direction to leave campus.
4. Individuals who establish or occupy an Encampment are liable for all damages that the individual causes, including the direct and indirect costs of:
 - a. Removing the encampment and restoring University Property.
 - b. Repairing any destruction, defacement, or alteration of University Property, equipment, and resources that resulted from the individual's intentional or negligent conduct relating to the Encampment.

D. Facility Use Requests and Ticketing

1. Requests to use University Facilities shall be made in accordance with the Requesting the Use of University Facilities procedure that accompanies this policy.
2. The University will charge for use of University Facilities in accordance with rates approved by the President.
3. Events held pursuant to NAU [Comptroller Policy 306](#) or if required by the University in its sole discretion, ticketing services shall be acquired in accordance with the Requesting the Use of University Facilities procedure that accompanies this policy.

E. Reservation of Rights

As determined in its sole discretion, the University reserves the right to—

1. Manage or administer all University Facilities in furtherance of its educational mission and related business or administrative purposes;
2. Establish and enforce through policies and binding contracts reasonable and appropriate rules and requirements for the use University Facilities;
3. Enter all University Facilities at any time while being used to enforce applicable rules and requirements, to perform any assigned functions or duties, or for any other reasonable purpose;

4. Reassign, substitute one University Facility for another, cancel permission to use, or terminate the active use of any University Facility when the University determines it is in the best interests of public safety or the University's interests to do so; and
5. Require participants in a spontaneous demonstration or protest to move to an alternate location if the initial assembly location is reserved for a planned event, poses safety risks to the participants or others, disrupts the business or educational mission of the University, or interferes with students' and residents' peaceful enjoyment of on-campus housing or residences near University Property.

F. Use Priorities

University Facilities will be used or scheduled for use in order of the following priorities:

- First, normal or routine NCAA athletic programs and educational activities such as instruction, coursework, testing, study, laboratory work, performances, and similar events or activities with purposes that directly serve or further the University's teaching mission and related functions;
- Second, activities, exclusively funded by and promoted by, or in the service of University divisions, departments, colleges, schools, sports teams, institutes, offices, programs, or other internal units;
- Third, uses or activities requested by a Student Organization;
- Fourth, uses sponsored by an Internal User on behalf of an External User;
- Fifth, External User requests.

G. Internal User

1. As determined on a case-by-case basis, Internal Users may be assessed fees for the use of certain University Facilities.
2. When an Internal User sponsors the use of a University Facility on behalf of an External User, the use will be considered use by the External User, not the Internal User and the use must be generally related to the normal functions or purposes of the sponsoring unit.
3. Internal Users who sponsor the use of University Facilities by an External User are responsible for the use as set forth in Sections G and I.

H. Sponsored Use

1. Use of University Facilities by External Users whose use of the facility is sponsored by an Internal User must comply with the following requirements:
 - a. The sponsored External User's use of the University Facility must be broadly consistent with the University's educational mission and purposes; and

- b. The Internal User must be directly involved in and accountable for the planning and actual use of the University Facility by the External User.
2. The sponsoring Internal User will assume the following responsibilities:
 - a. Serves as the sole point of contact for all other University departments and officials supporting the Event or Major Event while coordinating all aspects of the Event with the appropriate University officials or authorities;
 - b. Enforces the requirement that appropriate sponsoring Internal User and External User representatives are onsite and ensuring compliance with all applicable rules and requirements throughout the Event; and
 - c. Provides an internal University account that will cover all applicable expenses payable to the University in relation to the Event via internal departmental billing and collection of funds from the External User as applicable.

I. External Users

1. In its sole discretion and in accordance with the requirements set forth in this policy, the University may choose to make University Facilities available to qualified External Users for purposes that broadly comports with the University's mission and are consistent with all applicable rules and requirements.
2. Authorization to use University Facilities may be provided to External Users solely in the form of a binding and enforceable contract approved by Contracting, Purchasing, and Risk Management and other University officials as may be appropriate, provided however, that all such contracts stipulate full recovery by the University all costs it incurs related to the use and adequately address all practical, logistical, maintenance, safety, security, liability, and insurance matters.
3. University Facility rental rates must be approved in advance and in writing by the President. When determining rental rates for specific University Facilities, the University will consider fair market rates charged for comparable facilities and the University's expenses in providing the space, including but not limited to, set-up and break-down, maintenance, safety and security, fire safety, liability, insurance, and overall administrative costs.
4. Any related promotional or advertising materials that list, indicate, or otherwise feature sponsorship by commercial entities must be approved by the University in advance of publication so as not to be in conflict with University policy or existing sponsorship and marketing agreements.
5. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, when using University Facilities, External Users must ensure that any related promotional or advertising materials do not state, suggest, infer, or imply sponsorship by the University of their organization or their Event or Major Event.

6. At its sole discretion, the University may provide discounted use rates for certain University Facilities to certified non-profit organizations.
7. Use of University Facilities by External Users must comply with the University Facility Use priorities set forth in Section E.

J. Contracts

A properly executed University Facility use contract is required prior to any use of University Facilities by an External User (whether the External User is sponsored by an Internal User or not). Only the President may sign such contracts unless such authority has been properly delegated in accordance with the Contract Signature Authority policy. Officials without the necessary delegated signature authority must forward the draft agreement to Contracts, Purchasing and Risk Management with a completed Contract Signature Request Form.

K. Host Responsibilities

Internal Users hosting an Event or Major Event or sponsoring an External User's Event or Major Event must—

1. Ensure that the External User enters into an approved contract with the University and arranges for any required insurance coverages prior to the use and be involved in the planning for, be present at, and be significantly accountable for the use;
2. Ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for adequate University event support resources including but not limited to parking and custodial services.

L. Damages and Insurance

All Event and Major Event organizers, whether Internal Users or External Users, are responsible for all damages to University Facilities that result from the use. Additionally, the University may require damage deposits and/or proof of adequate insurance coverage as stipulated in Event and Major Event approvals or contracts.

M. Major Events

Use of University Facilities for Major Events may require, in the University's sole judgement, additional multi-departmental review and approvals and/or resources. Such additional resources may include but are not limited to clear bag screening, security, parking assistance, shuttle services, technology services, and custodial services. The Internal User or External User will be responsible to pay any cost associated with additional resources.

N. Use of University Facilities by Professional Sports Teams

The University may authorize use of its athletic facilities by professional sports teams in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The anticipated use must be and remain consistent will applicable National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and NCAA Conference rules in which the University holds membership;
2. Contracts for the use of University Facilities with a professional sports team must be approved as to form in advance in writing by the University's General Counsel, with the term of such contracts not to exceed three (3) years; and
3. Rental rates for University Facilities used by professional sports teams will be determined in the manner set forth in Section H.3.

O. Compliance with Internal Revenue Service Requirements

In compliance with section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and applicable portions of Internal Revenue Service regulations sections 1.141-1 through 1.141-15, the use of University Facilities financed with tax-exempt bonds are to be dedicated to the primary mission and benefit of the University. Therefore, the use by any External Users (including those sponsored by Internal Users, professional sport teams or any other private or affiliate entities, including non-profit organizations), will be limited to a first-come, first serve basis and shall not exceed ten percent (10%) or less under certain circumstances (in the aggregate), use of space or time. The Comptroller's Office must advise on use of [bond-financed buildings](#) or other asset before any contract is signed.

Section II: Commercial Solicitation

Solicitations are prohibited on campus, except as permitted by this policy.

A. Campus Living Communities

Solicitations in Campus Living Communities must be approved by Campus Living. Door-to-door solicitations are prohibited.

B. Student Organizations

Registered student organizations must submit an event/activity approval request form online through [True Blue Connects](#) to obtain approval for solicitations.

C. Non-Profit Solicitors

Non-Profit Solicitors must submit an [event information form](#) through the Unions and Activities Office to obtain approval for solicitations.

D. Commercial Vendors

Solicitors, salespersons, and vendors are prohibited from conducting their business on campus without a fully executed contract.

E. Employees

Solicitations are permitted by employees acting on behalf of charitable or service organizations. Solicitations may not occur during the work hours of the solicitor or the solicitee. The University reserves the right to cancel all solicitations privileges.

Section III: Posting and Distribution

The University reserves the right to remove and dispose of all unauthorized signs, posters, displays, and other printed materials.

A. Use of University Marks

Unauthorized use of University trademarks or service marks is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, University names, marks, logos, seals, and/or symbols.

The authorized use of University logos, trademarks, or name by Student Organizations on promotional materials does not constitute University endorsement of the event, initiative, or information.

B. Vehicle Leafleting

Vehicle leafleting is prohibited. Any individual(s) or vendor violating this policy will be responsible for the cost of cleaning the litter related to the leafleting.

C. Chalking

Chalking is prohibited on all surfaces. Any individual(s) violating this policy will be responsible for the cost of cleaning and any related repairs.

D. Posting Materials

Signs, posters, and other displays may not be affixed to buildings, windows, fences, emergency phones, light or utility poles, benches, bike racks, garbage or recycling bins, sidewalks, trees, shrubs, or other fixtures on campus. Any individual(s) violating this policy will be responsible for the cost of removing and disposing of these items, including the cost of any related cleaning or repairs.

E. Freestanding Signs and Displays

Unattended freestanding signs, posters, and other displays are prohibited. Individuals violating this policy will be responsible for the cost of removing and disposing of these items, including the cost of any related cleaning or repairs.

F. Staked Signs

Signs affixed to stakes, poles, sticks, or other handles that extend beyond the edge of the sign are prohibited.

G. Distribution

Distribution of noncommercial materials is permitted in publicly available outdoor areas. Door-to-door distribution is prohibited. Any individual(s) distributing fliers or other materials will be responsible for the cost of cleaning the litter related to distribution efforts.

Related Information*

[A.R.S. 15-1864](#)

[A.R.S. 15-1866](#)

[HB2880](#)

[Requesting the Use of University Facilities](#)

[Contract Signature Form Request Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[NAU Fire Marshal](#)

NAU Policies

[Accessibility](#)

[Campus Living Policies](#)

[Clear Bags and Prohibited Items at Select Events](#)

[Contract Signature Authority](#)

[Campus Transit Regulations](#)

[5.19 Disciplinary Action](#)

[Fire Safety Manual](#)

[Motor Vehicle Parking Regulations](#)

[CMP 306 NAU Ticket Sales](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

[Student Code of Conduct Procedures](#)

[Student Organization Manual](#)

[Tobacco-Free Campus](#)

[5.07 Weapons and Violence in the Workplace](#)

[Weapons on Campus](#)

ABOR Policies

[1-124 Free Expression](#)

[5-107 Solicitors on Campus](#)

[7-201 University Property](#)

[7-207 Leases](#)

Policy History*

9/17/2025: Compliance-based changes.

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