The University of Mississippi

CAMPAUS WEAPONS POLICY

Summary/Purpose: Except under the narrow circumstances outlined in this policy, the possession of firearms on campus is prohibited, and constitutes a felony under Mississippi law in certain instances.

Under state law, it is a felony in certain instances to possess a firearm, pistol, shotgun, rifle, or other deadly weapon (a “Firearm”) on the University of Mississippi campus or on any property owned by or controlled by the University (“the University Campus”). Firearms are prohibited on the University Campus, except as outlined in this policy.

The possession of pistols, Firearms, or other weapons in any form by any person other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials, and other authorized persons is prohibited on campus and at institutional off-campus events. The term “other authorized persons” includes those individuals authorized by applicable law and by the institutional executive officer or his/her designee. “Other authorized persons” also includes those individuals who have in their possession a valid, unexpired state enhanced concealed carry firearms permit or the equivalent permit issued by a state with a reciprocity agreement with Mississippi. Even so, those individuals possessing such enhanced concealed carry permits are not permitted to possess firearms in any non-public institutional locations. Students and employees are not authorized to possess firearms on institutional property or at institutional off-campus events regardless of possession of firearms permits. Possession of firearms is prohibited in locations where same is prohibited by applicable federal law, regardless as to whether those locations are designated as public or non-public. Public campus locations include:

1. Museums (other than classrooms),
2. Student Union (other than classrooms),
3. Library (other than classrooms),
4. Dining facilities,
5. Recreation centers (other than classrooms and athletic event venues),
6. Student health centers, and
7. Any other locations not designated as “non-public/sensitive”.

Non-public campus locations include:

1. Academic classrooms,
2. Administrative, faculty and staff offices,
3. Intercollegiate athletic event venues,
4. Residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses,
5. Laboratories and research facilities,
6. Ticketed events (concerts, speakers, etc.),
7. Patient care areas within a student health center,
8. Areas/locations within a student health center containing radiological source materials or flammable/combustible gases or chemicals,
9. Areas/locations within a student health center containing confidential student and/or patient records,
10. Preschool/Daycare facilities, and
11. Areas or locations in which student conduct proceedings are held.

Sworn law enforcement officers on the University Campus may carry a Firearm on their person or in their vehicle when authorized to do so by the University of Mississippi Chief of Police, or when authorized to do so by state or federal law.

Members of the Ole Miss Women’s Rifle Team may possess and use weapons sanctioned for their sport at the Ole Miss Rifle Center as may competing teams.

No person may possess a firearm on campus while engaged in any type of criminal activity, or while consuming or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, regardless of whether the individual possesses an Enhanced Carry Permit. An individual with an Enhanced Carry Permit may not brandish, exhibit or display a firearm in a threatening manner. The discharge of any firearm on campus is strictly prohibited.

To ensure the safety of all persons on its campus, to protect University property and to ensure no disruption of its educational mission, the University also prohibits the wearing of masks, disguises and other means of concealing one’s identity, the wearing of protective gear (such as body armor, shields and chainmail) and weapons, including, but not limited to the following: nooses, sticks, poles, pipes, “nun-chucks,” blackjacks, leaded canes, brass or metallic knuckles, bowie knives, dirk knives, butcher knives, switchblade knives, daggers, blades, machetes, swords, hatchets, metal spikes, bow and arrows, slingshots, metal darts, razors and razor blades (except as used for personal grooming), “BB guns,” “air rifles,” “air pistols,” pellet guns, paint ball guns, laser pointers, fire, dynamite, dynamite cartridges, bombs, grenades, torches, gun powder, firecrackers, fireworks, mines or powerful explosives, and any other pyrotechnic, incendiary or explosive devices.