The University of Mississippi

Chalking on Campus
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Summary/Purpose: The University of Mississippi recognizes that chalking of sidewalks is a way to announce programs, promote events, exchange opinions, share messages, and otherwise express ideas. This policy is designed to permit sidewalk chalking while also advancing important University interests, including but not limited to ensuring campus safety, safeguarding entrances and exits to and from University facilities, protecting University property and facilities, and maintaining the aesthetic appeal of campus. This policy applies to all University students, staff, and faculty.

1. Permissible Chalking

Chalking on campus sidewalks is permitted by University students, staff, and faculty subject to the specific restrictions detailed in this policy.

2. Restrictions on Chalking

- Chalking is limited to the use of water-soluble chalk (sidewalk chalk). The use of markers, paints, oil-based products, non-soluble products, and spray chalks are prohibited.
- Chalking is permitted only on horizontal (flat) sidewalks that are open to the elements (i.e., sidewalk that is not covered by a roof or overhang). Chalking is not permitted on brick pavers. Chalking is prohibited on all vertical surfaces and all non-sidewalk surfaces, both inside and outside, including but not limited to benches, buildings, bus stops, bridges, columns, fountains, monuments, newsstands, overhangs, planters, poles, roads, rocks, signs, statues, cemeteries, outdoor art, stairs/steps, trash receptacles, trees, walls, and windows.
- Chalking is not allowed in any of the following areas:
  - Union Plaza: Any plaza, porch, steps, or other entry areas adjacent to the Gertrude C. Ford Ole Miss Student Union.
  - The Circle: The entire area surrounded by University Circle, including the sidewalks adjacent to the Circle.
  - Walk of Champions: From the Union Plaza to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.
  - The Grove: The area surrounded by University Avenue, Grove Loop, University Plaza, and Student Union Drive, including the sidewalks adjacent to and inside the Grove.
  - Lyceum and Library Area: The area between The Lyceum and the Library and the steps and area adjacent to the Lyceum and the Library.
  - The Phi Mu Fountain Area: The entire quad where the fountain is located, from the Library to Paris Yates Chapel and from Bondurant Hall to the Johnson Commons facilities.
  - Athletics and Performing Arts Facilities: Sidewalks and plazas adjacent to all athletics venues and performing arts facilities.
o Health Care Facilities: Area surrounding the V.B. Harrison Student Health Center and the University Counseling Center in Lester Hall.

- Overwriting, erasing, defacing, or altering existing chalking is prohibited by anyone other than the person or organization who did the chalking, except that University facility and grounds personnel are allowed to clean and wash sidewalks, plazas, and other outdoor areas at any time in the course of their usual and ordinary campus maintenance activities.
- Chalking that violates any federal or state law, University of Mississippi Conduct Rules and Regulations, or any other policy of the University of Mississippi as contained in the University Policy Directory is prohibited.
- Commercial solicitation, advertising and sales, including through chalking, are not permitted on campus except as explicitly permitted by Solicitations on Campus Policy (https://policies.olemiss.edu/ShowDetails.jsp?istatPara=1&policyObjidPara=10679116).