

Policy GA-PA-PO7 Amplified Sound

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I. Section 11-801 General Rule on Amplified Sound

University persons and organizations may use amplified sound on campus at designated times and locations, subject to the rules in this Subchapter and to the general rules in Subchapters 11-200 and 11-300. Advance permission is required. This subchapter creates limited exceptions to the general rule on disruption in Section 11-301.

II. Section 11-802 Location and Times of Weekday Amplified Sound Areas

A. Library Mall

- 1. Designated boundaries of mall (bounded on the east side by the Central Library, on the west side by Cooper Street, on the south side by University Hall and on the north side by the Science Building).
- 2. University persons and organizations may use amplified sound in this area from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

B. West Lawn of the Maverick Activities Center

- 1. Designated boundaries of lawn (the grassy area directly west of the Activities Building to the tennis courts).
- 2. University persons and organizations may use amplified sound in this area from noon to 5:00 p.m.

C. University Center Mall

- 1. Designated boundaries of the mall (the sidewalk areas directly adjacent to the E. H. Hereford University Center).
- 2. University persons and organizations may use amplified sound in this area from noon to 5:00 p.m.

D. Nursing Park

1. Designated boundaries of the park (the area south of Nedderman Drive bounded by Parking Lot F11 and S. West Street).
 2. University persons and organizations may use amplified sound in this area from noon to 5:00 p.m.
- E. During the period of noon to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, amplified sound may be requested in other areas of campus.
- F. Amplified sound may be used from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Doug Russell Park on any day.

III. Section 11-803 Regulation and Scheduling of Weekday Amplified Sound

- A. The Director may prescribe rules concerning scheduling, sound levels, the location of speakers and direction in which they are pointed and other rules to facilitate the use of weekday amplified sound areas, to mediate any conflict with University functions and other nearby activities, and to manage environmental impact. All such rules shall be reasonable and nondiscriminatory.
- B.
1. Persons or organizations wishing to use a weekday amplified sound area must reserve a particular area at a particular time. Reservations must be made with the O.S.G.O. on a form prescribed by the Director. The Director shall approve a properly completed application to reserve an amplified sound area, unless the application must be disapproved under the criteria in Section 12-203 or under rules promulgated by the Director under the authority of this section.
 2. The Director may limit the number or frequency of reservations for each person or organization to ensure reasonable access for all persons and organizations desiring to use amplified sound on weekdays.
- C. Persons and organizations using amplified sound are responsible for maintaining a passageway for pedestrians that is adequate to the volume of pedestrian traffic passing through the area.
- D. Any designations of additional areas, any additional rules regulating the designated areas and the rules and procedures for reserving the right to use a designated area shall be clearly stated on a web site or on a flyer or pamphlet conveniently available from the Director.

IV. Section 11-804 Amplified Sound on Evenings and Weekends

- A. With advance permission, University persons and organizations may use amplified sound in the amplified sound areas (except for the Library Mall) designated in Section 11-802, after 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and after 8:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, except for the early morning hours excluded in paragraph (B).
- B. If amplified sound is authorized for an event on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening, the sound must be turned off by 1:00 a.m. on

the following day. If amplified sound is authorized for an event on a Friday or Saturday evening, the sound must be turned off by 2:00 a.m. on the following day.

- C. The Director may prescribe reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules concerning scheduling, sound levels, the location of speakers and direction in which they are pointed and other rules to facilitate the use of amplified sound on evenings and weekends, to mediate any conflict with University functions and other nearby activities, and to manage environmental impact.
- D. Use of amplified sound on evenings and weekends requires advance permission from the Director. Persons and organizations shall apply on a form prescribed by the O.S.G.O. The O.S.G.O. shall authorize amplified sound as described in a completed application unless the Director finds that the application must be disapproved under the criteria in Section 12-203 or under rules promulgated by the Director under the authority of this section. The Director shall advise each applicant how to correct, if possible, any conditions that preclude approval of its application. Even if an applicant is entitled to have its application approved as submitted, the Director may give advice about other possible locations, or about modifications to the proposed event, that would avoid potential problems or make the proposed event more workable.

V. **Section 11-805 Amplified Sound Indoors**

Amplified sound sufficient to be heard throughout the room may be used in any room in any building, but the Director may limit or prohibit sound that would be disruptive outside the room. Reservations may be required. Rules concerning use of University Facilities are contained in Chapter 12.