
CAMPUS WEAPONS 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 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.