

REGULATIONS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

2.005 Use of University Facilities; Outdoor Areas.

(1) Events in outdoor areas of the campus are to be scheduled and approved as follows:

(a) Academic areas are outdoor areas near classrooms, libraries, laboratories, hospitals, auditoriums and research facilities. Non-academic use of such areas is to be scheduled through the Office of Student Activities and Involvement at the J. Wayne Reitz Union in the case of student groups and organizations or the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs for all other persons, groups, and organizations. Areas near hospitals and clinical facilities are unavailable for non-academic uses.

(b) Union areas and outdoor areas adjacent to the J. Wayne Reitz Union building must be scheduled through the Director of the Union and approval must be secured through the Office of Student Activities and Involvement for student groups and organizations or the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs for all other persons, groups, and organizations.

(c) Residential areas are outdoor areas in the vicinity of residence halls, fraternities, sororities and villages. Events in each of these areas are scheduled by the residential unit.

(d) Facilities of the Department of Recreational Sports, including university athletic facilities, playing fields, stadiums, courts, and so forth, are considered instructional space and must be scheduled pursuant to University of Florida Regulation 2.008; however, the Department of Recreational Sports may schedule the use of facilities under its management in accordance with policies located on its website at <http://recsports.ufl.edu/>.

(2) Approval and scheduling of events in the above areas must be consonant with University of Florida Regulation 2.004, including the assessment of fees, and other University regulations. As a condition of approval, the University may impose safety, security and liability requirements consistent with the use to be made of the area, and the area to be used must be adequate for the nature of the event.

(3) Informal Use of Outdoor Areas. Outdoor areas on the campus which are not committed to a specific use or assigned to a specific University agency, such as the Plaza of the Americas, are free to be used for informal, unscheduled and unamplified expressions of opinion or musical events by persons participating as individuals without registration or approval. These impromptu speakers or musical performers will be held responsible for orderly behavior and for no disruption of academic activities, scheduled public functions, or pedestrian or other traffic, and they must follow University regulations governing those areas.

(4) Formal Use of Outdoor Areas. Events using public address systems or other electrical amplification and events involving a substantial outdoor area of the campus are permissible when approved and scheduled as set forth in subsection (1) above, provided:

(a) They are sponsored by a University group or organization or a University related group or organization. Generally, University persons and non-university persons, groups and organizations will not be permitted formal use of outdoor areas. Registered student groups should submit an event permit on Gator Connect, available through the Office of Student Activities and Involvement at <https://www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/>.

(b) They do not interfere with academic processes, previously scheduled events, other campus activities, or pedestrians or other traffic.

(5) Electrically amplified sound in outdoor areas.

(a) Any use of sound amplification equipment on the outdoor areas of campus must have prior approval through the Office of Student Activities and Involvement for student groups and organizations or the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs for all other persons, groups or organizations.

(b) Events held in the outdoor areas of campus must maintain a reasonable sound level. A reasonable sound level is defined as a level which (i) falls within the permissible limits of City of Gainesville, Florida, Code of Ordinances, Ch. 15 (2016), and (ii) meets the communication needs of the event without excessive penetration to the adjacent areas. A recommended procedure for monitoring the sound level as the designation of an individual by the sponsoring group or organization to visit the peripheral buildings, render a value judgment and adjust the amplifiers if necessary.

(c) In academic areas, the use of electronically amplified instruments will generally not be allowed on class days (Monday through Friday). If a public address system is permitted in these areas, the sponsoring group or organization is responsible for maintaining a reasonable sound level as mandated by the City of Gainesville Florida noise ordinance.

Authority: BOG Regulation 1.001.

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