

SECTION 6

PROPER USE OF CAMPUS FACILITIES

Free Speech

Individuals are always encouraged and permitted to express views, opinions, and speech.

- Members of the campus community are permitted to conduct free speech activity indoors & outdoors if it is not disruptive, blocks traffic, or is speech that is prohibited by Federal/State laws.
- Non-members of the Campus Community may conduct this type of activity outdoors only.
- If you are conducting a program/activity and are concerned about the use of space or free speech activity, we strongly encourage you to reserve your space accordingly.
- Advance permission is required for the use of amplified sound and will be assigned to the approved designated areas as outlined by policy (see **Designated Amplified Sound Areas Below**).

For more information, please visit [7.05 Freedom of Expression Handbook of Operations](#) and/or [Chapter 6 of the Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs](#).

Questions?

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Tobacco-Free Campus ([HOP 4.4.2](#))

The University of Texas at Tyler prohibits the use of all forms of tobacco products on university property. The University prohibits any advertising or sale, or free sampling of tobacco products on university property. Littering on the campus with the remains of tobacco products or any other related waste product is prohibited.

This policy is applicable twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

1. Tobacco Products: All forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to, cigarettes (of any kind including herbal/spice cigarettes), cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic nicotine delivery systems (includes electronic cigarettes), smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and any other tobacco product.
2. University Community: Students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.
3. University Property: Property located within the State of Texas that is owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by the University. For purposes of the Tobacco-Free Campus policy, this includes, but is not limited to, all buildings and structures, sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures owned or controlled by the University and all University-owned vehicles.

Concealed Handguns on Campus ([HOP 2.10.1](#))

As provided by law, handgun license holders may carry concealed weapons on The University of Texas at Tyler campuses, except for the excluded areas listed in HOP 2.10.1. For events being conducted specifically for persons under the age of 18 who are not enrolled at UT Tyler, a Campus Carry Temporary Exclusion Zone sign must be posted around the areas of the campus that will be used. It is the responsibility of the Event Contact to ensure signs are posted.

Child Protection Training (Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Section 51.976)

UT Tyler requires Child Protection training ([Training, Process, & FAQs](#)) for all individuals (employees and volunteers) working in a "campus program for minors," which is defined as a program that:

1. is operated by UT Tyler or conducted on UT Tyler's premises; and
2. offers recreational, athletic, religious, or educational activities; and
3. consists of at least twenty (20) minors (youth under the age of 18) who
 - a. are not enrolled at UT Tyler and
 - b. attend or temporarily reside at the camp or program for all or part of at least four (4) days (*does not have to be four consecutive days*).

Note that this requirement does not apply to minors who are students enrolled at UT Tyler or to UT Tyler's charter schools (which are governed by other statutes). This training is only required if your camp or program meets the criteria outlined above (items 1 – 3).

Fire Code NFPA 101 and NFPA 1

The University of Texas at Tyler is a state institution and falls under the purview of the State Fire Marshal Office. Anyone making use of any University premises must comply with all sections of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code 101 and Fire Safety Code 1. Failure to comply with the fire code may result in cancellation of an event if appropriate measures to bring the event into compliance cannot be made.

Intoxicants or Drugs

Possession or use of intoxicants or drugs on the University premises is forbidden.

Service of Alcohol

The service of alcoholic beverages must receive the appropriate approvals and follow all rules and regulations outlined in Section 9.

No Food/Beverages

Food and beverages are not allowed in the Braithwaite Recital Hall, Cowan Center Auditorium, University Center Mabry Theatre, or computer labs.

Overnight Events

Overnight events are not permitted on campus unless using Housing or an exception has been approved by Scheduling & Conference Services.

Event Teardown

All areas used must be left in the same condition as at the start of the event. Teardown of an event must occur in a timely manner. It is mandatory that the area be cleared of food, beverages, containers, and trash immediately following the event. A porter/cleaner may be assigned (possibly at an additional cost) to the event to ensure the space and surrounding areas are left in acceptable condition.

The user shall be liable for all damage to university property arising out of or connected to user's event(s).

Outdoor Locations Policy and Procedures

<https://www.uttyler.edu/offices/safety/general-safety-programs/index.php>

University Facilities Cannot be Used for the Following Purposes

- [Regents Rules and Regulations 80104 Sec.2\(c\)](#) – No person, including a student or employee of an institution, shall distribute any petition, handbill, object, or piece of literature; post or carry any sign, placard, or banner; or engage in speech or conduct on property or in buildings or facilities owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions if it is obscene, libelous, or directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action.
- Illegal events or activities.
- The University of Texas at Tyler reserves the right to **restrict and/or refuse** use of its facilities to a non-university group.
- Events or sales that advance the personal or financial benefit of any individual.

Designated Amplified Sound Areas

As per the Manual of Policy & Procedures for Student Affairs, The University Center Patio, Harvey Deck, and Patriot Plaza are designated sound areas between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or after 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please refer to <https://www.uttyler.edu/offices/student-success/mopp/>.