



Policy Name: Campus Amplified Sound

Custodian of Procedure: Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

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POLICY

Amplified sound will be allowed on campus when classes are in session only between the hours of 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. to reduce the disruption of classes and university business in nearby buildings. All amplified sounds should follow University Quiet hours of 10:00 pm to 8:00 am.

Requests for all outdoor events that require the use of amplified sound anywhere on campus require a Special Event Checklist form to be submitted to University Scheduling and Conference Services at least two weeks prior to an event.

For any outdoor event that requires the use of amplified sound, whether provided by Minnesota State or by the event organizer, the noise level must not be disruptive to potential events and/or classes scheduled in surrounding buildings. If a group would like to hold an outdoor concert or event where the noise level may inhibit normal conversation, they must meet with University Events & Meeting Services well in advance at least three weeks prior to the event to gain permission and to coordinate set-up plans.

Amplified sound shall not exceed reasonable levels for the type of event that is approved. The University reserves the right to monitor amplified sound levels using sound-level meters at any time during an event. Should University Security, Environmental Health and Safety, University Scheduling or other University designee determine the sounds levels are exceeding reasonable levels, event organizers retain the right to modify sound levels, or the University may cancel the event.

Events that exceed permitted sound levels, approved times, or fail to comply with enforcement directives may be terminated at the discretion of the University.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in ending or cancellation of the event in question.

History of Revisions:

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References:

Because sound travels unpredictably across outdoor spaces and can interfere with teaching, studying, meetings, and administrative business, the Campus Amplified Sound policy ensures that events using amplified sound are planned deliberately to minimize disruption while permitting outdoor events that contribute to a vibrant campus life. Advance planning allows University offices and other stakeholders to assess potential impacts, coordinate logistics, and ensure appropriate safety and support measures.