

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY POLICY

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1.0 PURPOSE

Missouri Southern State University believes in freedom of expression for all persons. No person can be denied access to the campus for any constitutionally protected reason.

2.0 SCOPE

This Policy applies to all members of the University community.

3.0 POLICY

A designated area is available for outside speakers on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., provided that gatherings do not block walkways, entrances, roads, parking areas, or create safety hazards.

Application Process:

- Application: A separate application is required for each use of University grounds. Applications should be submitted to the Director of Student Activities.
- Details Required: Applicants must provide their names, the name of the sponsoring organization (if any), the purpose of the appearance, and the requested date.
- Approval: Applications must be approved at least three (3) business days before the event.

Conditions for Use:

1. Priority: Recognized University entities/persons have first priority for facility or outdoor space use. Non-University entities/persons are limited to five (5) reservations per semester, with no more than three (3) approved at a time.
2. Financial Responsibility: Requesting entities/persons are responsible for all costs, including security and cleanup.
3. Non-Disruption: Activities must not disrupt ongoing classes or University programs. Noise disturbances must be avoided, and no noisy outdoor events will be approved after the last day of classes through the end of finals each fall and spring semester.
4. Compliance: All activities must comply with laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies of the United States, State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University, Jasper County, and the City of Joplin.
5. Safety and Conduct: Abusive speech or conduct likely to incite violence is prohibited. The physical safety of all persons on campus is a priority.

6. Compliance Enforcement: Individuals or groups unwilling to comply with this policy must leave the campus until they agree to comply.
7. Acknowledgment: Groups sponsoring an event must acknowledge this policy and provide documentation that all participants are aware of and agree to abide by it.
8. Security: A UPD officer may accompany authorized persons or groups on university grounds and may electronically record related activities.

4.0 HISTORY

This policy may be revised, edited, changed or removed at any time with or without notice to applicable individuals.

August 2024 – Updated to new format.
July 2017 – Last revision.

5.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Use of Leon C. Billingsly Student Center Policy and Procedures](#)