

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY POLICY

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| Policy #: | | Effective: | July 2017* | Category: | Student Policies |
| Name: | Use of University Grounds Policy and Procedures | | | | |

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 open area is available for outside speakers during the hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, providing the gathering will not block walks, entrances, roads or parking areas, or cause safety hazards.

A separate application for each use of University grounds shall be made to the MSSU Department of Public Safety. The applicant(s) shall state his or her names(s), the name of the sponsoring organization, if any, the purpose of the appearance on campus, and the date requested. Permission will be granted only for legal non-commercial purposes and subject to the following conditions:

1. Reservations must be approved no later than three (3) business days prior to the day of the event.
2. First priority for use of facilities or outdoor space shall go to recognized University entities/persons. Non-University entities/persons shall be limited to five (5) reservations per semester and no more than three (3) reservations can be approved at a time.
3. Requesting entities/persons are financially responsible for all costs, including but not limited to, security and cleanup.
4. Activities that are disruptive to ongoing classes or University programs will not be allowed. Maintenance of the educational programs and activities of the University will be of first priority and must not be disrupted. Noise disturbances shall be avoided and outdoor events which could create noise disturbances on campus will not be approved after the last day of classes through the end of finals each fall and spring semester.
5. Laws, regulations, ordinances, or policies of the United States, State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University, Jasper County, and the City of Joplin or its agencies must be observed at all times.
6. Speech that is abusive and/or conduct likely to incite riotous, physically violent reactions is prohibited. The physical safety of all persons on campus will be of prime importance.
7. Individuals or groups who for any reason are unwilling to comply with this Policy must leave the campus until they agree to comply.
8. Any group sponsoring an event at the University must acknowledge and agree to follow this Policy and provide documentation that establishes that all persons participating in the event have been made aware of this Policy and agree to abide by it.
9. A MSSU security officer may accompany authorized person(s) or group(s) while on University grounds and may electronically record any related activities.

4.0 HISTORY

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

5.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS