

Amplified Sound Policy

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To maintain the academic environment at the university, the use of amplified sound is moderated. The amplified sound policy is designed to protect instructional and learning activities, administrative offices and academic departments from sound interference during normal business hours. Student organizations which intend to have amplified sound at an event must provide specific information related to amplified sound on their facility or quad request.

Amplified sound is defined as any sound that is broadcasted through electronically amplified equipment or sound that is electronically enhanced. Additionally, any live music without the use of amplified equipment that is loud enough to impact the academic environment must follow the guidelines below.

GENERAL

The use of amplified sound on campus may not interfere with instructional activity or the administrative operation of the university regardless of the time of day. Such use will only be permitted at specific times, and in specific locations, so as not to conflict with this basic principle. Amplified sound may be used during the following times and in the following locations:

Days & Times	Locations
Friday 4:00-10:00pm	McAlister Auditorium Front Steps, University Quads/Fields, Gorson Porch, Pocket Park and Jones Hall Patio
Saturday 12:00-10:00pm	McAlister Auditorium Front Steps, University Quads/Fields, Gorson Porch, Pocket Park and Jones Hall Patio
Sunday 12:00-7:00pm	McAlister Auditorium Front Steps, University Quads/Fields, Gorson Porch, Pocket Park and Jones Hall Patio
University Holidays 12:00-10:00pm	McAlister Auditorium Front Steps, University Quads/Fields, Gorson Porch, Pocket Park and Jones Hall Patio

The use of amplified sound will not be permitted if such use would disrupt a previously scheduled event or function. Any organization or department sponsoring an event at which amplified sound will be used will designate a person responsible to control sound volume as necessary to ensure compliance with this policy.

SOUND LEVELS

The Code of the City of New Orleans, Sections 66-22, sets forth maximum permissible sound levels based on the use of the property that the sound is affecting. This policy is intended to comply with, and be at least no less restrictive than, the Code. If at any time the Code is amended so that it is more restrictive than this policy, this policy should be deemed amended to conform to the Code.

At a distance of 45 feet in front of the sound source, the sound pressure level may be no more than 70 decibels at any time. Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life (LBC) staff will work with the individual(s) sponsoring the event to periodically monitor the sound pressure level.

In order to keep the sound pressure level below 60 decibels inside of classroom buildings, all sources of amplified sound should be directed away from all classroom buildings.

PROCEDURES

All student organization events at which amplified sound will be used must be registered and approved by the LBC and must be registered in Org Sync. Any non-student organization events must be approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee. Once approved, the LBC and/or Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee will notify and contact any potentially impacted departments and/or offices.

All amplified sound events must provide adequate security, as determined by the Department of Public Safety.

VIOLATIONS

If at any time during the event the sound level exceeds the maximum permissible sound level set forth in this policy, a warning will be given to the sponsoring organization to lower the volume.

The sound level must be brought into compliance with this policy no more than one (1) minute following the initial warning.

If a second warning is issued, either because of a subsequent violation of this policy or a failure to correct the noncompliance following the first warning, an additional one (1) minute will be allowed to correct the sound level.

If the sound level exceeds the maximum permissible set forth in this policy, following two consecutive warnings or a third time, the Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee reserves the right to extinguish amplified sound for the event. The sponsoring organization may also be subject to further disciplinary action.