



## **UNIVERSITY POLICY**

### **STUDENT LIFE POLICIES**

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**Number: 709**

**Subject: Weapons Policy**

**Covered Individuals: All UIU Students, Faculty, and Staff**

**Covered Campus Locations: All UIU Locations**

**Effective Date: October 13, 2021**

**Date of Latest Revision:**

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#### **PURPOSE**

Upper Iowa University (UIU or University) is committed to providing a safe environment in all of its facilities. In support of this commitment, UIU regulates the possession and use of weapons on all University facilities and grounds and, for the purpose of safety, prohibits the possession of weapons in owned, leased, or occupied buildings, in areas where outdoor classroom activities are held, and in locations where University sanctioned events are held unless specifically approved as part of an educational event or student activity.

#### **DEFINITION**

For purposes of this policy, a weapon is defined as: Any instrument or device designed primarily for use in inflicting death or injury upon a human being or animal, and which is capable of inflicting death upon a human being when used in the manner for which it was designed. Weapons may include, but are not limited to: any offensive weapon, firearms of any kind such as pistols, revolvers, or other guns, BB or pellet guns, bows and arrows, crossbows, knives such as daggers, razors, stilettos, switchblade knives or knives with a blade exceeding three inches in length, tasers, stun guns, or other portable devices directing an electric current that are designed to immobilize a person, explosives or incendiaries such as bombs, grenades, or fireworks, poison gas, or simulations of any such items (devices that appear to be real such as a realistic toy, replica, paint-ball gun, etc.). A weapon may also include an object of any sort whatsoever that is used in such a manner as to indicate that the person using the object intends to kill or seriously injure another person, or that is threatened to be used in such a manner, and which, when so used, is capable of killing a human being. A weapon may also include any part or combination of parts either designed or intended to be used to convert any item into a weapon or to assemble into a weapon.

## **POLICY**

UIU prohibits all persons\* from carrying firearms or other weapons, concealed or not concealed, with or without a concealed weapon permit, while on properties owned or controlled by the University, without the advance, express written permission of the Assistant Dean of Students or designee. In Wisconsin only, firearms or other weapons may be brought onto UIU properties so long as the firearms or other weapons are encased in a vehicle, and out of plain sight with the unoccupied vehicle fully secured (e.g. windows up, vehicle locked, etc.). In all other Center locations, firearms or other weapons are absolutely prohibited except as described in this policy. When UIU is present at a host institution (technical colleges, military installations, etc.), UIU will fully support and abide by the weapons policies in place at host institutions provided those institutions provide a level of safety at least equal to that contained in UIU's policy.

\* Certified law enforcement officers and others required to carry an issued weapon as part of their duties are exempt from this prohibition.

## **RULES, PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES, FORMS, AND OTHER RELATED RESOURCES**

Report an Incident, Complaint or Crime

<https://uiu.edu/experience/safety-security/report-an-incident-or-crime/>

If a person has or is suspected of having a weapon, or it is brought to your attention that there may be a weapon on campus, or a weapon is discovered on campus, the procedures linked above must be followed.

UIU Fayette residential campus students have the ability to check in hunting firearms, competition firearms, hunting bows, and crossbows with the Fayette Police Department. These will be stored in an area separate from evidence, locked, and allowed for recreational use only, (i.e., hunting, tournaments, competitions, etc.). Students will be issued a receipt of storage to sustain chain of custody at check in and check out. This information will be recorded and retained in accordance with evidence storage laws in the State of Iowa for chain of custody purposes. Personal defense weapons such as pistols or assault rifles will not be accepted and must be kept at the place of residence off campus.

## **CONTACTS**

Acting as the policy owner, the Assistant Vice President for Student Life is responsible for answering questions regarding the application of this policy on the Fayette campus. The Assistant Vice President for U.S. Centers will perform that function for Centers.

## **SANCTIONS**

Because weapons pose a clear risk to persons and property at UIU, violation of the UIU Weapons Policy may result in administrative action from the University including, but not

limited to, conduct proceedings or employee discipline as appropriate, and/or prosecution under the appropriate local, state, or federal laws.

## **HISTORY**

September, 2021 – University policy developed from existing policy in Student Handbook

September 13, 2021 – the University Policy Committee recommended the policy to the President’s Council for approval

October 13, 2021 – the President’s Council recommended the policy to the President for approval; President Duffy approved the policy