



UNIVERSITY OF
WEST GEORGIA

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Area	Risk/Security/ Environmental Health & Safety
Chief Or Responsible Office	Chief Legal Officer, Chief of Police

Weapons on Campus (#7003)

Purpose/Reason for Policy

~~This policy is established to comply with University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents (BOR) policy 6.11 Weapons on Campus and align with O.C.G.A. 16-11-127.1~~

This policy is to ensure institutional compliance with all applicable state and federal laws governing the possession and carrying of weapons, and to establish clear expectations and procedures for the lawful possession, concealment, and use of weapons on University of West Georgia (UWG) property. This policy also identifies statutory exemptions under O.C.G.A. § 16-11-130 and outlines verification requirements for exempt individuals. Through these measures, UWG seeks to promote a campus culture of safety, accountability, and respect consistent with the mission and values of the University of West Georgia.

Policy Statement

~~The USG prohibits all weapons on property owned or leased by the USG and its institutions, except as specifically provided herein or as provided in federal or state law.~~

Exceptions

~~Prohibited weapons do not include sporting equipment (i.e.; baseball bats, hockey sticks, or other sports equipment possessed by competitors) possessed for legitimate use in formal or informal athletic or exercise activities.~~

~~Law enforcement officers, active military personnel, and other similar personnel may possess weapons as authorized by federal or state law to do so.~~

The University of West Georgia (UWG) is committed to providing a safe and secure environment that supports its mission of teaching, research, and service. In compliance with Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §§ 16-11-126 through 16-11-130.1) and the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents Policy

6.11 Weapons on Campus, the possession and carrying of weapons on UWG property is strictly regulated.

Except as expressly permitted by law, the possession or carrying of firearms or other weapons on property owned, leased, or controlled by UWG is prohibited. Certain exemptions are recognized under O.C.G.A. § 16-11-130 for specified individuals acting within the scope of their official duties. This policy ensures compliance with state law while maintaining the safety, security, and educational integrity of the university community.

Scope/Applies To:

☒ All Employees ☐ Faculty ☐ Staff ☒ Students

☐ ☒ Vendors/Contractors ☒ Other ~~Visitors and third parties on UWG Property~~ Visitors and third parties on UWG Property.

The Chief Police Officer, in collaboration with the Chief Legal Officer, is authorized to establish procedures for compliance with this Policy.

Associated Procedures

Possession and Carrying of Weapons on Campus

Approval Signatures

Step Description

Approver

Date