



STUDENT LIFE POLICY

NUMBER/TITLE: SL-709, WEAPONS

Covered Individuals: All Students, Faculty, Staff

Covered Locations: All Locations

Effective Date: September 1, 2023

Strategic Priority: SP 1

HLC: Criterion 1B

Consultations: VPDE, AVPSL, Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), Fayette Police Department

POLICY STATEMENT

The policy is intended to create a safe environment for all students, faculty and staff through the implementation of rules and regulations on weapons.

PURPOSE

Upper Iowa University (UIU or University) is committed to providing a safe environment in all 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.

DEFINITIONS

Weapon: 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 IMPLEMENTATION

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. When UIU is present at a host institution (community 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.

This policy does not include carrying limited capacity handheld devices that contain a propelled chemical irritant (oleoresin capsicum) used in self-defense products that eject a liquid stream (spray), fog, foam or gel.

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

CUSTODIAN

Assistant Vice President for Student Life (Fayette campus)
 Vice President for Distance Education (Centers)

RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS, AND POLICIES

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.

HISTORY

| New/Revision Number | Date of Action/Approval | Revision Change |
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| SL-709 | June 11, 2025 | Policy approved by President’s Council |
| SL-709 | June 1, 2025 | Consultations updated. Reference to UIU locations in Wisconsin removed. Definition of weapons updated to clarify weapons carried for self-defense. |
| SL-709 | April 17, 2023 | Policy statement added, BIT added to consultations, HLC criteria added. |
| SL-709 | February 15, 2023 | Policy put into new template. |
| 709 | October 13, 2021 | Policy approved by President’s Council. |
| 709 | September 13, 2021 | Policy recommended by University Policy Committee. |
| 709 | September 2021 | Policy developed. |