

Jacksonville State University is primarily a self-contained campus with a large number of residential students requiring a variety of support services, regardless of the weather. Therefore, the University does not completely close because of severe weather conditions. Decisions to close all nonessential university operations, to include classes, will be made by the President, or a designee. In the interest of safety and in recognition of the difficult driving conditions that occur in certain areas, the University permits a liberal makeup policy for commuter students who cannot attend classes during times of extreme weather conditions.

Jacksonville State University Noise Policy

Jacksonville State University is committed to providing our students an atmosphere pursuant in obtaining an education. Each member of our community is expected to be reasonable concerning noise, music, and other sounds that may interfere with the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of persons with reasonable sensibilities on University property and the surrounding community.

What is considered noise by some may not be considered noise by others; therefore, we are expected to act in a compliant manner when approached by law enforcement or University officials. Jacksonville State University has created the following policy concerning noise. (City Ordinance O-482-07)

A.) No person shall participate, cause, or excite any disturbance, excessive noise, or contention in or near any building or other property owned or operated by the University.

B.) Quiet hours are in effect from 8:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. seven days a week in and around University Residence Halls and Apartments

C.) All music containing offensive and vulgar language is strictly prohibited in all outdoor activity programs on University property. Any outdoor activity where music is played containing offensive and vulgar language will immediately be cancelled by the University Police Department.

D.) Persons may request in writing to use sound amplifying equipment at outdoor activity programs. However, the University reserves the right to specify where and when such amplification equipment may be used.

Permission and specification for use of sound equipment on campus must be obtained from the Director of Student Life. Sound amplification must comply with the noise ordinance of the City of Jacksonville. Sound amplification must not obtain offensive or vulgar language. (Page 65, Student Handbook)

E.) The University Police Department will respond to noise complaints on Campus. If noise is deemed excessive, the University Police will request the individual or person in charge of an event to reduce the noise volume. If complaints continue, the University Police may cancel the event and the individual or person in charge is subject to criminal prosecution under the noise ordinance of the City of Jacksonville. Students found in violation are also subject to the judicial process for violation of the student code of conduct.

Sound Amplification Equipment

Various outdoor student activity programs require the use of sound amplification equipment. However, the University reserves the right to specify where and when such amplification equipment may be used. Permission and specification for use of sound equipment on campus must be obtained from the Dean of Students or Associate Dean of Student. Sound amplification must comply with the noise ordinance of the City of Jacksonville.