

## I. Purpose

The Chancellor and the respective University Presidents are responsible under Act 188 of 1982 to provide a safe and secure educational environment and are authorized to establish policies governing the use of University facilities and property.

## II. Policy

The possession or carrying of any weapon by any person is prohibited in University academic buildings, administrative buildings, student residence buildings, dining facilities, or while attending a sporting, entertainment, recreational or educational event on the university's property. Entry upon University property in violation of this prohibition is expressly forbidden and will result in the individual being directed to remove the weapon immediately from University property. Failure to comply with such directive may result in further disciplinary action for students or employees.

## III. Definition of Weapon

For purposes of this policy a weapon includes, but is not limited to, any firearm, shotgun, rifle, knife, cutting instrument, bow, nunchaku, BB gun, paintball gun, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

## IV. Authorized Exceptions

Certified and sworn police officers employed by the University Police Department and sworn and certified municipal, state or federal police officers who carry proper identification are exempt from this policy.

## V. Notification of Use of Replica or Prop Weapons

Due to the risk of being identified as a real weapon, any item which looks like a weapon and is used for any purpose on University property must be reported to and approved by the University Police Department prior to use in any activity. Examples of such activities include official ROTC military exercises, color guard, intercollegiate athletics, class instruction or presentations, dramatic plays, and similar artistic events.