



UNIVERSITY OF
BRIDGEPORT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Title:	Prohibition of Guns, Replica of Guns, and Other Weapons
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POLICY STATEMENT:

University of Bridgeport is committed to providing its students with a safe, healthy learning and living environment. The possession or use of guns and/or other weapons or replicas of such weapons, or objects which might reasonably be mistaken for weapons, is contrary to this commitment and the spirit of an academic community where free expression, civil disagreement and debate are encouraged. Therefore, the possession or use by students of guns, replicas of guns and/or other weapons, or objects which might reasonably be mistaken for weapons, whether or not the object is loaded with live ammunition, capable of being fired, or when operable capable of administering deadly force, is absolutely prohibited in all University facilities and all University owned, rented, or leased property.

PROCEDURE DETAILS:

Students found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to sanctions, up to and including, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students who have knowledge of guns or other weapons on campus, or who know of individuals who have threatened to use a weapon, should immediately report this information to any of the following: Campus Security, at 203-576-4911; the Dean of Students, at 203-576-4392; or the Director of Housing and Residential Life at 203-576-4228.

PUBLISH POLICY STATEMENT (CLICK ON BOX NEXT TO OPTION-SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

☐ UNIVERSITY CATALOG

☐ STUDENT HANDBOOK

☐ FACULTY HANDBOOK

☒ STAFF HANDBOOK

DEFINITIONS:

NA

EXCLUSIONS:

This prohibition against weapons applies equally to those carried by persons with a government issued permit or license. The only exceptions are listed below:

1. University security staff authorized to carry weapons.
2. Local, state and federal law enforcement officers.
3. Members of the United States armed forces while on duty.

There may be activities related to the educational mission of the University (e.g., theatrical productions) that appear to violate the letter, but not the intent of this policy, by using weapon replica(s). In such cases the department or organization coordinating the activity is responsible for notifying the Office of Campus Security prior to the event.

Weapons and replicas in violation of this policy are subject to summary confiscation by University staff or security personnel. Any person who is in violation of this policy is subject to referral to governmental authorities for legal sanctions in addition to any disciplinary actions the University may take.

OFFICES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE POLICY:

Campus Security, Student Affairs

HISTORY:

Revised September 23, 2022; reviewed April 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE:	Unknown
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE (ONLY ONE):	Security
REVIEW DATE:	April 2025

APPENDIX:

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