



The following are policies of Pacific Lutheran University:

PLU POLICY AND THE LAW

Guests are separately accountable both to local, state and federal laws and to the policies of the University. When local, state or federal law and the University Policies overlap, the University may invoke these Policies to protect its own interests and standards.

A guest who breaks the law must be prepared to accept the consequences since he/she has no more immunity from the law than other citizens.

ACCOMMODATION OF PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

As stated in its Equal Opportunity policy, Pacific Lutheran University will not discriminate against any person because of the presence of a mental or physical disability. As part of its long-range plan, the University has committed the financial and human resources necessary to provide access to University facilities according to the recommendations and requirements of the ADA.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The following policy has been established in recognition of Washington State Law and out of a desire to create a living/learning environment consistent with the University's goals and mission. Violations of local law may be considered violations of the PLU Alcoholic Beverages Policy.

1. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in or on University premises with the exception of the Gonyea House (the President's private residence), the University House (which is privately owned, a Resident Director's University housing and for the purpose of religious worship).
2. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on campus and in the residence halls. The University reserves the right to confiscate and dispose of alcoholic beverages and/or containers found on the premises. Empty alcohol containers and brewing equipment are similarly prohibited.
3. If alcoholic beverages are available at PLU sponsored off-campus events, then nonalcoholic beverages must also be available.

4. Guests must show current valid identification (driver's license, etc.) in order to obtain alcoholic beverages at PLU sponsored off-campus functions.
5. At off-campus events sponsored by PLU, alcoholic beverages must be refused to minors, apparently intoxicated individuals, or persons in a state of helplessness.

Misconduct related to consumption, provision of alcohol to others or use of alcohol that creates risks for one's safety, threatens the safety of others, detracts from the living-learning community, disrupts the University community either on or off campus may be a violation of PLU's Alcohol Policy.

BUILDING SECURITY

It is the responsibility of all members of the University community, including guests, to care for the security of the buildings. Unauthorized presence in, or unauthorized use of keys to campus buildings or residence hall rooms is prohibited. Locked or closed buildings may be entered only with permission of supervisory personnel.

The unauthorized duplication of any University key or the use of an unauthorized key is prohibited and may be cause for referral to a local law enforcement agency.

In the residence halls, guests are urged to report the presence of unaccompanied and/or unknown non-residents to staff or Campus Safety.

FIRE SAFETY

Everyone must leave the building when the fire alarm sounds. Obstructing or discouraging participation in a building evacuation will be subject to disciplinary action. Any prank, joke or other intentional act involving fire (including alarm covers, alarms, extinguishers or smoke alarms) is prohibited and will be subject to disciplinary action and/or local law enforcement action.

FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, OR WEAPONS

Items potentially hazardous to members of the campus community are prohibited. This policy applies to the campus, University vehicles and at any University sponsored off-campus event.

PLU has a zero-tolerance policy for firearms and all guns are prohibited on campus. Guns include but are not limited to: air-soft guns, bb guns, stun guns, flare guns, look-a-like toy guns, paint guns and pellet guns. Guests who are aware of a weapon on campus are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Department anonymous gun hotline at 1.800.862.4867 or make a report with Campus Safety at 253.535.7441.

Explosive materials including but not limited to firecrackers, fireworks and other explosives, live ammunition, combustible liquids (except where authorized for University use) and flares are prohibited on campus.

Weapons, including but not limited to: hunting weapons, swords, knives (e.g. hunting knives, switch blades, etc.) and martial arts weapons are prohibited. Additionally, possession of any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as a sling shot, and club, or metal knuckles, or spring blade knife, or any knife, the blade of which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having a blade which opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement, or any pocket knife with a blade length longer than three inches are prohibited.

NOISE

Residence Halls

Guests are expected to realize that in a community setting, and especially an academic environment, consideration and courtesy for others is a most important factor at all times. While it is a fact that a certain amount of noise is bound to occur, guests who continually infringe on the rights of others by maintaining unacceptable noise levels will be subject to action. Guests are expected to comply with all designated quiet hours. Residence hall quiet hours are minimally established from 10:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Campus

Between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. noise on campus is to be kept at a level that does not disturb University classes or business. Between 10:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. quiet hours are in effect and noise on campus is to be kept to a minimum.

PROPERTY DAMAGE OR THEFT

Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to University property or the property of a member of the PLU community are prohibited. In addition, knowingly possessing or utilizing stolen property will also be seen as a violation of this policy. Guests reported for property damage and/or theft are subject to one or more of the following: a) prosecution for criminal charges; and/or b) assessment for the costs of repair, replacement or recovery of the property.

SMOKING

Washington State law prohibits smoking in public buildings and in campus vehicles. Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of a building entrance, exit, windows that open, ventilation intake and other areas through which non-smokers must traverse. Signs are posted on all building entrances and campus vehicles.

RCW 70.160 gives the local health department jurisdiction to enforce the state smoking regulation by first issuing a warning. A subsequent violation is subject to a civil fine of up to \$100. PLU will take appropriate action to comply with the law on campus.