

California State University, Fullerton

Use of Amplified Sound and Noise-Making Devices

The following guidelines outline the permitted use of amplified sound and/or noise-making devices (collectively “amplified sound”) during an activity addressed in President’s Directive #5 (“activity”).

The use of amplified sound that impedes or is disruptive to the regular or essential operations of the University (which include but are not limited to teaching, study, research, administration, meetings and/or other authorized and permissible use of University facilities); infringes on the rights and privileges of others; damages University property or endangers the safety of others is prohibited.

“Amplified sound” is any sound enhanced through any device however powered that magnifies sound, including but not limited to microphones, mobile phones, bull horns and megaphones. A “noise-making device” is any device used to make noise, including but not limited to drums, whistles, rattles and horns. These criteria do not apply to the use of amplified sound and/or noise-making devices during a University or auxiliary event.

1. The use of amplified sound during an activity may only occur from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm. Any use may not impede with any previously scheduled event.
2. The use of amplified sound may only occur in the following locations: Becker Amphitheatre, the Main Quad, and the Humanities and Social Sciences Quad. Attachment A outlines the location of these venues on campus and where within each venue the use of amplified sound and/or noise-making devices may occur.
3. The sound level created by the use of amplified sound may not exceed 85dB (75dB for the H&SS Quad) when measured 25 feet from the source (device) of amplified sound or noise-making. University staff will measure the sound level during relevant events to ensure compliance. After one warning and the provision of one minute to bring the volume to a permitted level, the University will ask the event organizers to stop the use of amplified sound and/or noise-making devices if another infraction occurs. Failure to comply may lead to a ban from the use of amplified sound and/or noise-making devices at future activities.
4. These guidelines do not apply to amplified sound used during the regular or essential operations of the University (which include but are not limited to teaching, study, research, administration, or meetings). These guidelines also do not apply to outdoor University or auxiliary events, concerts, festivals or athletic contests.
5. Requests to use amplified sound and/or noise-making devices must be submitted at least 3 working days prior to the requested date of use. Submittal of a request does not infer that a request will be approved. Requests may be denied for one or more of the following reasons:
  - Failure to comply with applicable time, place, and manner restrictions

- Conflicts with other activities already approved to use amplified sound and/or noise-making devices
- Conflict with University academic or administrative functions or events
- Public safety
- Past violations of amplified sound and/or noise-making device guidelines by the requesting of affiliated groups