



To promote a safe and secure University of Western States (UWS) community, UWS prohibits weapons on campus. A weapon includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Firearms
- Hunting and assault knives
- Explosives
- Chemical or biological weapons
- Slingshots
- Metal knuckles
- Objects, which by use, design, or definition may be used to inflict injury upon persons
- Any object if used, attempted to be used, or threatened use would cause bodily harm as defined by Oregon statutes 166.291, 166.370, and 166.360.

Specifically, students, employees, trustees, guests, visitors and any other individuals on campus for any reason (such as temporary employees, consultants, contractors, and vendors) are prohibited from carrying, possessing, or using weapons at any time on university premises. This includes weapons (e.g., firearms, including hunting rifles) kept in vehicles on university property. Weapons are also prohibited at all university-sponsored events or while on university business even if it occurs off campus. On-duty law enforcement individuals are allowed to possess weapons on the UWS campus if so legally empowered.

Approval to Carry a Concealed Handgun

Individuals who hold a valid Oregon concealed handgun license may request special approval to carry a handgun on campus or at university-sponsored events. To do so, submit a completed [Application to Carry a Concealed Handgun](#) with proof of possession of a valid Oregon concealed handgun license to the office of the president. Applicants must receive written approval from the president prior to carrying a concealed handgun on campus or at any university-sponsored event. Approval must be renewed on an annual basis and may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the president.

Violations

Anyone who observes or has knowledge of someone posing danger through violation of this policy should immediately call 911 and report the incident to designated campus security personnel as soon as possible. The complainant should be prepared to provide any relevant information that caused him or her to suspect the violation.

Failure to adhere to this policy or failure to cooperate in an investigation is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including immediate termination of employment or suspension or dismissal from the academic program.

Related Policies: [Policy 9001 Student Conduct](#)
[Policy 1018 FORM Application to Carry a Concealed Handgun](#)

Policy 1018 Weapons on Campus

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