



Office of the Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Experience

UMES Visitor/Guest Policy

Visitors and guests are welcomed to enjoy the many events and services offered by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). In order to maintain the integrity of UMES' mission and the quality of its facilities, the sponsoring organization is responsible for complying with the Campus Event Policy in addition to applicable policies set forth by the Office of Campus Life; Student Services Center; University of Maryland Eastern Shore; the City of Princess Anne and the State of Maryland.

I. DEFINITIONS:

- A. The term "university" signifies the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), including primary and satellite campuses.
- B. The term "guest" signifies a person invited by faculty, staff and/or students for an event or activity at UMES.
- C. The term "visitor" signifies someone coming to UMES to use the facilities or attend an activity or event.
- D. The term "university premises" signifies buildings or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled or supervised by the college.

II. POLICY STATEMENT: All visitors and guests are expected to abide by applicable sections of the UMES Code of Conduct. Students may be held responsible for the activities and actions of their guests while on the UMES university premises.

- A. UMES reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community.
- B. UMES expects its guests and visitors to adhere to high standards of appropriate citizenship and civility.
- C. The following misconduct is subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Department of Public Safety:
 1. Intentionally or recklessly causing physical harm to any person on the university premises or at university-sponsored activities, or intentionally or recklessly causing reasonable anticipation of such harm.
 2. Sexual assault or sexual harassment, as defined in published university regulations.
 3. Unauthorized use, possession or storage of any weapon on university premises or at university-sponsored activities.
 4. Initiating or causing to be initiated any false report, warning or threat of fire, explosion or other emergency on university premises or at university-sponsored activities.
 5. Any act or omission committed on university premises constituting a serious criminal offense, defined as an action that Maryland state law

identifies as a felony; and/or any act or omission which indicates that the individual presents a substantial and continuing danger to the safety or property of the university or members of the campus community.

6. Knowingly violating the terms of any disciplinary administrative sanction imposed in accordance with this policy.
7. Furnishing false information to the university.
8. Interfering with the freedom of expression of others on university premises or at university-sponsored activities.
9. Theft of property, services or resources on university premises or at university-sponsored activities; knowing possession of stolen property on university premises or at university-sponsored activities.
10. Intentionally or recklessly destroying or damaging the property of others on university premises or at university-sponsored activities.
11. Engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct on the university premises or at university-sponsored activities which interferes with the activities of others, including but not limited to studying, teaching, and research and university administration.
12. Failure to comply with the directions of university officials, including Campus Public Safety officers, faculty and professional staff acting in performance of their duties.
13. Sale, distribution, use and/or possession of any controlled dangerous substance, illegal drug, or unauthorized alcohol on university premises or at university-sponsored activities.
14. Violation of the UMES Smoking and Tobacco-Free Policy.
15. Unauthorized use or possession of fireworks on university premises.

- III. **SANCTIONS:** Guests and visitors violating this policy may receive sanctions as delineated by UMES administration and may be responsible for restitution to the university. Sanctions that may be imposed for any violations of this policy may include:
- A. Restitution: repayment to the university or to an affected party for damages resulting from a violation of this policy.
 - B. Removal and exclusion from university premises and other privileges or activities.
 - C. Arrest.