

Community Relations Policy

I. Introduction

Loyola Marymount University (LMU) expects its Students to conduct themselves as mature, responsible and law-abiding members of their local and University communities. As such, LMU Students shall abide by and uphold all federal, state and city laws and ordinances including, without limitation, all laws and ordinances relating to noise, trash and/or beautification, traffic, parking and consumption of alcohol. As responsible members of the University community, LMU Students are expected to demonstrate thoughtful citizenship, by their conduct and actions, to foster an atmosphere which nurtures positive community relations amongst LMU, their local municipality and the community surrounding LMU.

II. Policy

LMU may hold Students accountable for Student Conduct Code violations committed off campus which adversely affects LMU, its community standing and/or the pursuit of the mission, goals and objectives of the University.

LMU may also hold Student Organizations (including, but not limited to, Service Organizations, fraternities, sororities and sport club teams) as well as student athletic teams and affiliated groups accountable for Student Conduct Code violations committed off-campus which adversely reflect upon or affect LMU, its community standing and/or the pursuit of the mission, goals and objectives of the University.

III. Student Conduct Code & Policies Applicable to Off Campus Activities

Student Conduct Code, Section II. (B) — Jurisdiction of the University

Jurisdiction extends to conduct that occurs on University Premises, in Study Abroad programs and/or at on and off campus University events, programs or activities. Jurisdiction also extends to other off-campus misconduct that adversely affects the University, Students, the University's reputation or goodwill and/or the pursuit of the University's mission, goals and objectives.

Student Conduct Code, Section II. (C) — Inherent Authority

The University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the health, safety and well-being of the University and University Community. This includes, but is not limited to, incidents off campus that may adversely affect the health, safety, well-being, reputation or goodwill of the University, University Community, University

Community members and/or the pursuit of the University's mission, goals or objectives.

Student Conduct Code, Section II. (G) — Violation(s) of Law and this Community Relations Policy

Students may be subject to criminal, civil and University proceedings for acts that constitute violations of federal, state or local law and of the Student Conduct Code. Because of the need to efficiently, effectively and promptly protect the academic environment, University life and operations, Student Conduct Code proceedings are independent and will normally proceed without regard to the pendency or potential pendency of criminal or civil proceedings.

Students subject to potential or actual criminal charges relating to conduct alleged in pending Student Conduct Code proceedings may assert their Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination during Student Conduct Code proceedings. While no inference of responsibility for Student Conduct Code violations will be drawn because of the assertion of the Fifth Amendment privilege, the Conduct Officer(s) will nonetheless evaluate all available information, testimony and evidence in making their determination.

Guest Policy—Students are responsible for the conduct of their Guests (including, without limitation, in their residence) and may be held accountable under applicable policies and the Student Conduct Code for the conduct of their Guests whether or not the Student is present when the actionable conduct occurs. The University reserves the right to summarily exclude and deny campus access and presence to any non-LMU Student as well as from or attendance at any University event or sponsored Activity.

IV. Community Relations Responsibilities

LMU is located within an urban environment. The campus is surrounded by and adjacent to several municipalities and various residential neighborhoods. Responsibilities for off campus conduct have been established in order to uphold standards of behavior that should be demonstrated by LMU Students when off-campus.

The following responsibilities are consistent with the educational role of the University, the rights and needs of all residents, city ordinances, standards of common courtesy and are directed toward encouraging and maintaining positive neighbor relationships.

The Community Relations Responsibilities include the following areas:

A. Dual Membership:

Students, Registered Student Organizations and affiliated groups are members of both the University and local communities. Accordingly, Students are responsible to all the communities of which they are a part. Students should uphold their joint responsibilities in a mature, lawful and appropriate manner. All off-campus Students are responsible for verifying their off-campus address with the University ([Off-Campus Living Orientation and Address Policy](#)).

B. Upkeep and Beautification:

Students, Registered Student Organizations and affiliated groups are expected to maintain a safe and clean environment for the health and well-being of themselves, their members, Guests and neighbors. Specifically, Students should:

1. Maintain their residences and property in accordance with all fire, health, zoning, building and safety codes;
2. Maintain lawn and landscaping on a regular basis in accordance with lease or occupancy agreement;
3. Dispose of litter, trash and garbage on a regular basis and in an appropriate manner.

C. Traffic Safety:

Students, Registered Student Organizations and affiliated groups should:

1. Comply with the laws and regulations of their municipality and the State of California, and require their invited Guests and all who are consensually present at their residence or on their property to the same standards of conduct;
2. Advise household members, Guests and visitors to arrive and depart quietly, avoid disrupting neighbors and encourage safe driving;
3. Obey traffic signs as well as practice safe, responsible driving.

D. Relevant Municipal Codes:

At a minimum, Students, Registered Student Organizations and affiliated groups should be aware of the Los Angeles Municipal Codes which govern individual, group and residential property within the City of Los Angeles. In this policy we have highlighted a few of the most frequently referenced and relevant codes.

Students living outside the City of Los Angeles are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the local laws and ordinances governing their place of residence.

E. Parking:

Please visit ladot.lacity.org/What-We-Do/Parking/Can-I-Park-There for a full list of traffic and parking violations. The primary purpose for parking regulations is to proactively manage the City's scarce supply of on-street parking, promote the economic vitality of the city, to ease traffic congestion and to enhance the quality of life of City Residents.

1. No vehicle may be parked continuously at one location on any public roadway for more than 72 hours.
2. Parking is prohibited in alleys, except for the purpose of actively unloading goods or passengers.
3. Parking is prohibited in an intersection or a crosswalk, within 15 feet of a fire station driveway or fire hydrant, in front of a public or private driveway, on a sidewalk or parkway, on the roadway side of a parked vehicle (double parking), in a bus stop, in a tunnel, upon a bridge (unless otherwise posted) or in such a manner that obstructs the free use of the street.
4. Parking is prohibited in a center median strip, unless signs are posted permitting parking on the median.
5. Parking is prohibited in front of a public or private driveway (even your own driveway).
6. Be aware of signage when parking. Read all signs. They may include time frame restrictions and other parking guidelines.
7. Street sweeping signs are posted in areas of the City where there is a routine street sweeping schedule. Parking is prohibited on the designated days for the entire time posted on the sign.
8. Proactively educate all household members, Guests and visitors about neighborhood parking restrictions.

F. Noise:

Please visit planning.lacity.org/eir/CrossroadsHwd/deir/files/references/I06.pdf for a full list of noise ordinances and violations.

The Los Angeles Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of noise ordinance violations involving people-generated or controlled noises—which are considered disturbances of the peace. The following is a list of Los

Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) sections of the Noise Ordinance and a summary of the elements that constitute a violation:

SEC. 41.57. LOUD AND RAUCOUS NOISE PROHIBITED. (Added by Ord. No. 140,731, Eff. 8/24/70.)

1. It is unlawful for any person to cause, allow or permit the emission or transmission of any loud or raucous noise from any sound making or sound amplifying device in his possession or under his control.

- a. Upon any private property, or
- b. Upon any public street alley, sidewalk or thoroughfare, or
- c. In or upon any public park or other public place or property.

2. The words “loud and raucous noise” as used herein shall mean any sound or any recording thereof when amplified or increased by any electrical, mechanical or other device to such volume, intensity or carrying power as to unreasonably interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons within or upon any one or more of such places or areas, or as to unreasonably annoy, disturb, impair or endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of other persons within or upon any one or more of such places or areas.

The word “unreasonably” as used herein shall include but not be limited to, consideration of the hour, place, nature and circumstances of the emission or transmission of any such loud and raucous noise.

SEC. 41.58.1 LOUD OR UNRULY GATHERINGS. (Added by Ord. No. 185451, Eff. 4/15/18)

3. Definitions.

- a. **“Citation”** means an Administrative Citation issued pursuant to Article 1.2 of Chapter 1 of this Code, unless otherwise specified.
- b. **“Enforcement Officer”** shall have the same meaning as in Section 11.2.02 of this Code.
- c. **“Loud or Unruly Conduct,”** as used in this section, includes any of the following conduct if in violation of any provision of this Code or State law:
 - i. Loud noise;

- ii. Obstruction of a street or public right-of-way, including a sidewalk;
- iii. Public intoxication or drinking in public;
- iv. The service of alcoholic beverages to minors;
- v. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol by minors;
- vi. Assault, battery, fights, domestic violence or other disturbances of the peace;
- vii. The sale or service of alcoholic beverages without a required State license;
- viii. Vandalism or destruction of property;
- ix. Litter;
- x. Urinating or defecating in public; or
- xi. Trespassing.

d. **“Loud or Unruly Gathering”** means a gathering of persons at any Residence where Loud or Unruly Conduct occurs at the Residence or within 500 feet of the Residence, and which threatens or interferes with the public health, safety or welfare, or the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

e. **“Minor”** means any person under 21 years of age.

f. **“Owner”** means any person who owns the Residence where a Loud or Unruly Gathering occurs.

g. **“Person”** means an individual or any firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, business, corporation, company or entity.

h. **“Residence”** means any “residential building,” as that term is defined in Section 12.03 of this Code, and includes any garage, carport, walkway, yard, patio, deck, or other structure or area on the lot on which the residential building is located.

i. **“Responsible Party”** means:

- i. Any person who rents, leases or otherwise is in charge of the Residence where a Loud or Unruly Gathering occurs; or
- ii. Any person who organizes or sponsors a Loud or Unruly Gathering at a Residence.

4. Loud or Unruly Gatherings Prohibited

Loud or Unruly Gatherings are prohibited and shall constitute a public nuisance subjecting the Owner and/or Responsible Party to fines and/or penalties under this section. The City may abate a Loud or Unruly Gathering by all available means, including, but not limited to, an order of a peace officer requiring persons at the Loud or Unruly Gathering to leave the Residence, the issuance of a Citation, and/or the arrest of any person committing a criminal violation under this section or any other applicable State or local law.

5. Posting of Notice Regarding a Loud or Unruly Gathering

An Enforcement Officer responding to a Loud or Unruly Gathering shall post or attach, on the front entrance of the Residence at which the Loud or Unruly Gathering occurs, a notice meeting the following requirements:

- a. The notice shall state, at a minimum:
 - i. The name and agency of the Enforcement Officer who responded to the Loud or Unruly Gathering;
 - ii. The address of the Residence and the date of the Loud or Unruly Gathering, along with a description of the Loud or Unruly conduct observed;
 - iii. That Loud or Unruly Gatherings may result in the imposition of fines and/or penalties against any Responsible Party and/or Owner; and
 - iv. It is unlawful to alter, tamper with or deface the notice, or remove it prior to 30 days from the date of the posting.
- b. The notice shall be a minimum of 8 1/2" x 11" in size, have black letters on contrasting background white or colored paper, and be made of durable laminated or other weather resistant material.

6. Removal of Posted Notice Prohibited

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to alter, tamper with or deface a posted notice described in Subdivision (c), or remove it prior to 30 days from the date of the posting.
- b. If a posted notice is altered, tampered with, defaced, or removed prior to 30 days from the date of posting, the notice shall be replaced and a new 30-day posting period shall commence on the date of replacement.

7. Notice to Owner

A copy of the notice posted pursuant to Subdivision (c) of this section shall be served on the Owner by personal

service or by depositing in the mail for delivery by the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the Owner shown on the County's last equalized property tax assessment roll.

8. Citation Issued to Owner Absent during the Loud or Unruly Gathering

An Owner not present during the Loud or Unruly Gathering may be issued a Citation for any subsequent violation of Subsection (b) after personal service of the notice in Subsection (e) or, if the notice is only mailed, 10 calendar days after the mailing of the notice to the Owner pursuant to Subsection (e). The Citation to the Owner not present during the Loud or Unruly Gathering may be issued by personal service or by depositing in the mail for delivery by the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the Owner shown on the County's last equalized property tax assessment roll.

9. Citation

An Enforcement Officer may issue a Citation to the Owner and/or Responsible Party for a violation of Subsection (b) or (d) of this section.

10. Fines and Penalties for Violations

a. An Owner and/or Responsible Party issued a Citation in violation of (b) of this section shall be subject to the following fines:

- i. A fine of \$100 for a first violation;
- ii. A fine of \$500 for a second violation;
- iii. A fine of \$1,000 for a third violation;
- iv. A fine of \$2,000 for a fourth violation;
- v. A fine of \$4,000 for a fifth violation; and
- vi. A fine of \$8,000 for each subsequent violation.
- vii. A violation occurring after a period of 12 consecutive months of no violations shall be considered a first violation.

b. A Responsible Party and/or Owner shall be subject to these escalating administrative fines for subsequent Loud or Unruly Gatherings even if at different Residences associated with the Responsible Party and/or owned by the Owner.

c. Fine for Removal of Posted Notice. Any person in violation of Subsection (d) of this section may be issued a Citation subject to an administrative fine of \$500.

i Administrative Process Applicable to Citations. Unless otherwise specified herein, all Citations issued for violations of this section shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Article 1.2 of Chapter 1 of this Code, including, but not limited to, the administrative hearing and appeal process and the City's authority to use any civil remedy available to collect any unpaid administrative fine.

11. Criminal and Other Remedies Available

Any violation of Subsection (b) or (d) of this section may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor. In cases where the City Attorney elects to criminally prosecute a violation, the defendant shall be subject to all applicable penalties authorized by Section 11.00 (m) of this Code, and not the administrative fines authorized by this section.

12. Severability

If any provision of this section is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this section which can be implemented without the invalidated provisions, and to this end, the provisions of this section are declared to be severable.

Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of Section 11.2.04 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows: For all other Administrative Violations, the Administrative Fine imposed shall be in the following amounts, unless otherwise specified in this Code.

- a. \$250 for a first violation; provided, however, that the amount shall be \$100 for a first violation of any provision of Chapter V, Article 3, Sections 53.00 and following, of this Code.
- b. \$500 for a second violation of the same code provision, statute, ordinance, order, condition or requirement; provided, however, that the amount shall be \$250 for a second violation of the same provision of Chapter V, Article 3, Sections 53.00 and following, of this Code.
- c. \$1,000 for a third or any subsequent violation of the same code provision, statute, ordinance, order, condition or requirement; provided, however, that the amount shall be \$500 for a third, and \$1,000 for a fourth or any subsequent, violation of the same provision of Chapter V, Article 3, Sections 53.00 and following, of this Code.
- d. Nothing in this section shall preclude or limit the Administrative Hearing Officer's authority to impose a greater Administrative Fine, not to exceed \$1,000, in accordance with Subsection (b) of Section 11.2.09.

SEC. 112.01. RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS AND SIMILAR DEVICES. (Amended by Ord. No. 156,363, Eff.3/29/82.)

1. It shall be unlawful for any person within any zone of the City to use or operate any radio, musical instrument, phonograph, television receiver or other machine or device for the producing, reproducing or amplification of the human voice, music or any other sound, in such a manner, as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighbor occupants or any reasonable person residing or working in the area.
2. Any noise level caused by such use or operation which is audible to the human ear at a distance in excess of 150 feet from the property line of the noise source, within any residential zone of the City or within 500 feet thereof, shall be a violation of the provisions of this section.
3. Any noise level caused by such use or operation which exceeds the ambient noise level on the premises of any other occupied property, or if a condominium, apartment house, duplex or attached business, within any adjoining unit, by more than five decibels shall be a violation of the provisions of this section.

SEC. 116.1. LOUD, UNNECESSARY AND UNUSUAL NOISE.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and in addition thereto, it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary and unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area. The standard which may be considered in determining whether a violation of the provisions of this section exists may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. The level of noise;
- b. Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- c. Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
- d. The level and intensity of the background noise, if any;
- e. The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities;
- f. The nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- g. The density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;

- h. The time of the day and night the noise occurs;
- i. The duration of the noise;
- j. Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent or constant; and
- k. Whether the noise is produced by a commercial or noncommercial activity.

G. Neighborhood Relations:

Students, Registered Student Organizations and affiliated groups are required to follow good neighbor policies and relations, including, but not limited to:

1. Fostering and maintaining good community relations and cooperation with neighbors and authorities. Students are encouraged to introduce themselves to their neighbors;
2. Being responsible for their conduct and that of their Guests by actively encouraging visitors to adhere to the same standard (reference: [Guest Policy](#));
3. Being respectful of and to local community members. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to, littering, loitering, public urination, public nudity, using rude or abusive language, causing excessive noise and illegal parking;
4. Respecting the rights of others and following all existing laws and ordinances. All Registered Student Organization members are to be knowledgeable about the Los Angeles Noise Ordinances;
5. Taking active steps to prevent damage to others' property;
6. Being responsible for damage to others' property;
7. Being responsible for making reasonable efforts to resolve neighborhood problems;
8. Using amplified sound in accordance with the law including, without limitation, the Los Angeles Noise Ordinances;
9. If Students witness or learn of dangerous or unlawful activities around their homes, they should promptly report it to the authorities. Dial 911 for an Emergency. The Los Angeles Police Department non-emergency dispatch can be reached at 877.275.5273. LAPD has enforcement authority to issue tickets and citations if municipal ordinances are being violated;

10. Knowing Students' rights and responsibilities under California's Landlord Tenant Laws. This and other information for Students living off campus is available through the California Department of Consumer Affairs 800.952.5210 or dca.ca.gov).

H. Good Samaritan & Self-Reporting Policy:

Students living off campus should make themselves familiar with the [Good Samaritan & Self-Reporting Policy](#).

V. Disciplinary Action for Off-Campus Misconduct

Violations of the Community Relations Policy will result in the initiation of disciplinary action for such violation(s) under the [Student Conduct Code](#). The outcome of the disciplinary action will result in appropriate sanctions. Sanctions will vary depending on the nature of the offense.

A. Possible sanctions are not exclusive and may also include, but are not limited to, attending educational programs, restitution, community service, fines, suspension or dismissal from the University.

B. The University's disposition of individual cases does not preclude criminal prosecution in accordance with federal and/or state law.

C. All administrative or conduct action is subject to appeal in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Student Conduct Code.