**Amplification**

The compact nature of the University campus, with its central core of major classroom buildings surrounded by the library and recreational, social, and residence structures, embedded in a residential community, necessitates a general policy of sound control, that (1) protects academic programs from the intrusion of sound created outside University structures, and (2) also provides the opportunity for the appropriate use of amplification for activities in outdoor areas of the campus. It is hoped those individuals utilizing equipment for amplification recognize the impact of the sound on those for whom the amplified material is not intended.

Amplification Policy for Activities Between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Weekdays

It shall be the general policy of the University that the academic programs be given maximum protection from intrusion of sound created outside University structures. Therefore, amplification of any type use of musical equipment, or other activity which interferes with classroom instruction or normal University operations will not be allowed in outdoor areas of the campus between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. This restriction will apply to amplification equipment whether located outdoors or inside University buildings with speakers focused toward the outside.

Amplification Policy for Activities after 5:00 p.m. Weekdays or on Weekends

After 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, activities requiring amplification may be authorized under the following conditions:

1. Activities involving amplification shall be limited to the following areas:
   1. Student Memorial Center Promenade;
   2. Athletic/Recreation facilities and areas adjacent to athletic/recreation facilities;
   3. The Quad and areas in and immediately around the residence halls and;
   4. The areas in and immediately surrounding the Pond;
   5. The Winter Center Dock
2. Advanced approval must be granted for a planned activity in these areas by the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership
3. The organization sponsoring the event is responsible for insuring that all University policies and procedures are followed.
4. No amplified music will be allowed in outdoor areas after midnight.

Other General Policy Provisions

1. Final approval for all events requiring amplification will be granted as follows:
   1. Requests from registered student organizations will be the responsibility of the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership.
   2. All other University and non-University requests will be the responsibility of the Scheduling Office in Conference Services.
   3. Appeals, complaints, and general input regarding the amplification policy and its implementation should be directed to the appropriate office, as specified in this section.
2. Requests for an exception to this policy may be made to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.  Typical exceptions to this amplification policy have included events during Common Hour, events located in the Quad or SMC Promenade, and events such as Superfest, Homecoming Spirit Week, and Ville After Dark activities.
3. All events must adhere to the Borough of Millersville [Noise Ordinance](http://ecode360.com/9653076).