

Guidelines on Use of Amplified Sound

UCI Scheduling & Conference Services

UCI is dedicated to the principles of free expression and supports the rights of both individuals and groups to use amplified sound to communicate with others. However, as a campus community with many diverse interests and responsibilities, these Guidelines have been developed to provide fair and reasonable opportunities for everyone.

1. Use of amplified sound for any non-athletic, campus-sponsored outdoor activity or event occurring on the UCI campus requires approval and is permitted only between 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m. and at assigned locations. UCI's traditional "Welcome Week" and "Celebrate UCI" events are excluded from these restrictions, as are events and performances occurring in spaces designed for such activities, such as the School of the Arts amphitheater, and those authorized by deans or academic directors that occur in outdoor spaces adjacent to their building.
2. Amplified sound which disrupts or conflicts with the functioning or operation of the University is prohibited.
3. Sound should only be amplified to an adequate and appropriate level for the intended audience and venue. UCI complies with the [City of Irvine Noise Ordinance](#) that states noise levels inside non-industrial buildings should not exceed 65 decibels.
4. Amplified sound for speakers, presenters, dance, and musical performances is permitted, with approval, in the following locations:
 - Administration flagpoles
 - Aldrich Park
 - Social Science Ring Mall
 - Humanities Ring Mall
 - Mesa Field
5. Any requests to use amplified sound other than between 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m., at locations other than those permitted, or at levels that may exceed 65 decibels inside buildings, requires exceptional approval.
6. Implementation of these Guidelines will be coordinated by Scheduling and Conference Services, (949) 824-5252, and Environmental Health & Safety, (949) 824-4170.

Approvals

All requests for outdoor amplified sound occurring between 12:00pm and 1:00pm must be submitted on the [Amplified Sound Request Form](#) to Scheduling and Conference Services prior to the activity or event and be approved by the Director-Scheduling and Conference Services.

Any requests for exceptional approval to use amplified sound other than between 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m., at locations other than those permitted, or at levels that may exceed 65decibels inside buildings, must be submitted on the [Amplified Sound Request Form](#) to Scheduling and Conference Services at least 10 days prior to the activity or event, and must be approved by the Associate Vice Chancellor-Student Affairs or Associate Vice Chancellor-Administrative & Business Services.

Violations

Violations of these Guidelines may result in disciplinary action imposed on the sponsoring organization and/or individual faculty, staff or students.