Possession of Weapons

**Summary/Purpose:** To protect the safety of the University community by prohibiting the possession of weapons on campus.

The University of Mississippi recognizes the possession of weapons on campus or at University or student functions off-campus, by persons other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, other authorized persons, and those participating in University approved programs, creates an unreasonable and unwarranted risk of injury or death to its employees, students, visitors, and guests, and further creates unreasonable and unwarranted risk of damage to property of the University and of its employees, students, visitors, and guests. Because of such dangers, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning has prohibited the possession of weapons in any form by any person other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials, and other authorized persons regardless of whether such person possesses a valid permit to carry such weapons. (See IHL Board of Trustees Policies and Bylaws 1106—Firearms policy).

For purposes of this policy, a weapon is any dangerous instrument if it is used, attempted or threatened to be used, or is readily capable of being used to cause death or serious physical injury, including but not limited to the following: firearms (any weapon from which a shot, projectile, or other object may be discharged by force, whether operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded), bombs, knives, slingshots, etc. The possession of weapons in violation of this policy may subject one to criminal liability, removal from campus or campus events or facilities, employment discipline, and/or sanctions under the University conduct system.