

# AMPLIFIED SOUND ON CAMPUS

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Wisconsin Administrative Code [UWS 18](#) permits the use of sound amplifying equipment on University lands, provided its use is needed for the dissemination of ideas to large audiences, but to prevent its use from interfering with university functions which inherently require quiet, the following provisions shall apply:

Except in extraordinary circumstances, authorization may be granted between the hours of 12PM-1:30PM and 5PM-7PM. Applicants must show there is a need for the use of sound amplification equipment to communicate with its audience and that its use will not interfere with or disrupt University operations.

Campus limits on amplified sound do not apply to the use of battery-powered handheld devices such as handheld Bluetooth speakers, bull horns or musical instruments; provided these devices do not create a Noise Disturbance (as noted below).

Sound amplified equipment is defined as any device or machine which is capable of amplifying sound and capable of delivering an electrical input of one or more watts to the loudspeaker. Examples include, but are not limited to, public address systems, loudspeakers, and musical amplifiers.

1. No person or group may use sound amplification equipment without approval, as facilitated by the Union Event Services office.
2. All requests must be made a minimum of 10 Business Days prior to the scheduled activity/event.
3. Maximum sound levels on the UWM Campus are to be no greater than 92 dBA average plus or minus 4 dBA at 20' from any speaker used.
  - Sound measured at or above 85 decibels in an indoor area 50 feet or more from the source of the noise is presumed to create a noise disturbance unless exempted or authorized by the University.
4. Upon approval, the sponsoring organization, with the assistance of University personnel, shall monitor the program throughout its duration.
5. This policy is pursuant to the Wisconsin Administrative Code, UWS 18.11 Offenses against public peace and order.