

Wisconsin Union Policy FM1-10
MEMORIAL UNION TERRACE RULES

Purpose:

To establish clear rules for use of the Memorial Union Terrace to ensure a safe and friendly environment for all users.

Definitions:

The Terrace - the outdoor space defined by the Memorial Union to the South, Alumni Park to the East and Park Street to the West and Lake Mendota to the North.

The Terrace Stage - a reservable space programmed primarily by the Wisconsin Union Directorate (WUD). It is not for impromptu use by any group or individual and may be used for seating when not being programmed by WUD.

Rationale:

The Wisconsin Union is a membership organization. Its buildings, facilities, and programs are open to members of the UW-Madison community (faculty, staff, students), invited guests of the university as well as Union members. The Union, including the Terrace, is not open to the public except for those events specifically identified as such per UWS 18.06(20). This document outlines rules for use of the Terrace.

Rules for Terrace Patrons:

- Abide by the University of Wisconsin – Madison Conduct on University Lands, Chapter UWS 18 (www.wisc.edu/legal/legalservices/uws018.pdf) as well as obey all laws of the local, state and federal government.
- Comply with Union and UW policies & procedures.
- Present identification to staff when requested (e.g. State Issued ID, UW ID, etc.) including eligibility to use Union facilities when requested (e.g. Membership card, Theater ticket, conference badge, Union Day Pass)
- Adhere to good health and safety practices and comply with all environmental health and safety laws and regulations.
- Limit use to authorized areas only.
- Respond to emergency alarms and other situations (including vacating the Terrace) as instructed by Union staff or as posted.
- Be respectful of Union staff.

Prohibited Conduct:

- Violent, threatening, abusive or otherwise disorderly conduct or intimidating or harassing behavior which tends to provoke a disturbance or incite violence. Threats include: statements, actions, and behaviors that could reasonably be foreseen as having a purpose to inflict physical harm, even if the person making the threat doesn't have the ability to carry out the threat. Disorderly conduct does not require that a disruption actually occur.
- Conduct that creates a public health nuisance or constitutes a health risk to oneself or others.
- Obstructing or impairing Union or university activities or interfering with or impeding the ability of another patron to participate in such activities.
- Refusing to comply with requests of Union staff members.
- Posting materials, petitioning, vending, peddling, chalking or soliciting on the Terrace.
- Misusing, misappropriating, damaging, stealing, or tampering with Union equipment, furniture, facilities, grounds, or resources including reserving tables or furniture by any means.
- Allowing others to use their membership identification.
- Fishing on the Lakeshore Path in front of the Terrace or from the piers in front of the Memorial Union and Alumni Park. Specifically, the Outdoor UW pier, Hooper piers, or the swimming pier. Fishing is not allowed on the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association's Goodspeed Family pier outside of posted hours.
- Removing items from Union trash receptacles or eating/drinking food or beer left on tables or food from events of which they were not invited or eligible to participate.
- Leaving personal items such as backpacks or bags unattended.
- Unauthorized public events, performances, speeches, or demonstrations.

Prohibited Items:

- Weapons including but not limited to sticks, guns, knives, and nooses.
- Use of tobacco and cannabis products including hookahs, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, cartridges, or other electronic smoking devices.
- Balloons, flags or signs.
- Animals including Emotional Support and Therapy animals. Exception: Service animals.
- Bicycles/unicycles, roller blades, skateboards, electric scooters, Segways, hoverboards, etc.
- Any thrown objects such as balls or discs.
- Carry-in food and alcohol (personal meal is allowed) or coolers of any size.
- Amplified music or impromptu performances including speeches.
- Commercial photography (pre-approval is required).
- Use of drones including takeoff/landing (campus approval required).
- Other items that may contribute to an unsafe or hazardous environment.

Any patron who does not comply with expected standards of conduct or engages in or attempts to engage in prohibited conduct may be subject to sanctions including loss of membership status, removal from the premises, disciplinary action under applicable university student and employee disciplinary processes, and/or referral to UW-Madison Police Department.

Wisconsin Union Policy WU3-8 details the Union Membership Disciplinary Process.

Additional background:

Related materials and support documents:

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