

# Community Relations Policy

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## **I. Introduction**

Loyola Marymount University expects its students to conduct themselves as mature, responsible and law abiding members of their local and University communities. As such, LMU students shall abide by and uphold all federal, state and city laws and ordinances including, without limitation, all laws and ordinances relating to noise, traffic, parking and consumption of alcohol. As responsible members of the University Community, LMU students are expected, by their conduct and actions, to foster an atmosphere which nurtures positive community relations between LMU, their local municipality and the community surrounding LMU.

## **II. Policy**

Loyola Marymount University may hold students accountable for Student Conduct Code violations committed off campus which adversely affects LMU, its community standing, and/or the pursuit of the mission, goals and objectives of the University.

## **III. Student Conduct Code Applicable to Off-Campus Activities**

### Section III – Jurisdiction of the University

Jurisdiction extends to conduct which occurs on the University premises, in study abroad programs or at University events, programs or activities, on or off-campus, as well as to other off-campus misconduct which adversely affects the University and/or the pursuit of the University's mission, goals, and objectives.

### Section III – Inherent Authority

In addition to the enforcement of the Student Conduct Code as it relates to off campus activities, the University reserves the right to take any other necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the University and the University community, the University's reputation and community standing as well as the pursuit of the University's mission, goals and objectives.

### Section III – Violation of Law and this Community Relations Policy

Students are separately accountable to both civil authorities and to the University for acts which constitute violations of federal, state or local law and of the Student Conduct Code or this Community Relations Policy. Because of the need to efficiently, effectively and promptly protect the academic environment, proceedings for violation of the Student Conduct Code or this Community Relations Policy will normally proceed without delay despite the potential or pendency of criminal proceedings and are not subject to challenge on the grounds that criminal charges involving the same incident have been dismissed or reduced.

#### **IV. Community Relations Guidelines**

Loyola Marymount University is located within an urban environment. The campus is surrounded by and adjacent to several municipalities and various residential neighborhoods. Guidelines for off campus conduct have been established in order to uphold standards of behavior that should be demonstrated by Loyola Marymount University students when off campus.

The following guidelines are consistent with the educational role of the University, the rights and needs of all residents, city ordinances, standards of common courtesy, and are directed toward encouraging and maintaining positive neighbor relationships.

The Community Relations Guidelines addresses the following areas:

- A. Upkeep and Beautification
- B. Traffic Safety and Parking
- C. Neighborhood Relations
- D. Responsibilities of Dual Membership
- E. Relevant Municipal Codes

##### **A. Upkeep and Beautification:**

Students, registered student organizations, and affiliated groups are expected to maintain a safe and clean environment for the health and well being of themselves, their members, guests, and neighbors. Specifically, students should:

1. Maintain their residences and property in accordance with all fire, health, zoning and, building and safety codes.
2. Maintain lawn and landscaping on a regular basis in accordance with lease or occupancy agreement.
3. Dispose of litter, trash and garbage on a regular basis and in an appropriate manner.

##### **B. Traffic Safety and Parking:**

Students, registered student organizations, and affiliated groups should:

1. Comply with the laws and regulations of their municipality and the State of California and require their invited guests and all who are consensually present at their residence or on their property to the same standards of conduct.
2. Obey traffic safety and parking requirements and have consideration for others by not parking in or blocking neighbors' driveways, public alleys and sidewalks; all of which are violations of the law.
3. Proactively educate all household members, guests and visitors about neighborhood parking restrictions and encourage safe responsible driving.
4. Advise household members, guests and visitors to arrive and depart quietly and to avoid disrupting neighbors.

### C. Neighborhood Relations:

Students, registered student organizations, and affiliated groups are required to follow good neighbor policies and relations, including:

1. Fostering and maintaining good community relations and cooperation with neighbors and authorities.
2. Being responsible for their conduct and that of their visitors and guests by actively encouraging guests to adhere to the same standard.
3. Being respectful of and to local community members. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to: littering, loitering, public urination, public nudity, using rude or abusive language and illegal parking.
4. Respecting the rights of others and following all existing laws and ordinances. All registered student organization members are to be knowledgeable about the Los Angeles Noise Ordinance.
5. Taking active steps to prevent damage to others' property.
6. Being responsible for damage to others' properties caused by household members.
7. Being responsible for making reasonable efforts to resolve neighborhood problems involving the student or household members in a timely fashion.
8. Using amplified sound only in accordance with the law including, without limitation, the Los Angeles Noise Ordinance.

### D. The Responsibilities of Dual Membership

Students are members of both the University and local communities. Accordingly, students are responsible to all the communities of which they are a part. Students should discharge their joint responsibilities in a mature, lawful and appropriate manner.

### E. Some Relevant Municipal Codes:

At a minimum, students should be aware of the following portions of Los Angeles Municipal Code which govern individual, group, and residential property within the City of Los Angeles. We have referenced a few of the most frequently referenced and relevant codes for convenience:

#### Noise Violations:

1. The Los Angeles Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of noise ordinance violations involving people--generated or controlled noises--which are considered disturbances of the peace. The following is a list of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) sections of the Noise Ordinance and a summary of the elements that constitute a violation:
2. 41.57 LAMC—Loud and Raucous Noise  
Every person who allows, causes, or permits;  
Loud noises from any sound making or amplifying device;  
On any private property, public street, of any other public place;  
In such a manner as to interfere with the peace and quiet of any person within or upon any of such places.

3. 112.01 LAMC—Radios, Television Sets, and Similar Devices

Operating any radio, television, phonograph, musical instrument, or other sound producing device;

Audible to the human ear at a distance in excess of 150 feet from the property line of the noise source;

In a residential zone or within 500 feet thereof;

In such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighboring residents or any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area.

Students living outside the City of Los Angeles are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the local laws and ordinances governing their place of residence.