

Covenant College Policy for Drone Usage

The use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and unmanned aircraft systems (UASs), on Covenant College property or at off campus events sponsored by Covenant College, is not allowed without written permission from the College.

Any College employee, student, vendor, visitor, or third party seeking to operate a drone on, or above, Covenant College property (both interior and exterior), or at College sponsored events (both indoors and outdoors) must obtain written permission from the College's Safety and Security Department. Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance by completing a form online at the following link, [Drone Request Form](#).

Those granted permission must agree to operate their drone in a manner that is safe, is consistent with the College's established guidelines (shown below), does not disrupt the operation or activities of the College, and is consistent with local, state and federal laws, as well as all Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

In addition to safety, in considering a request for drone usage on campus, of paramount importance will be protecting the privacy of our students, particularly in their residence halls. Capturing or attempting to capture video footage inside residence halls is strictly prohibited.

Additionally, the following guidelines must strictly be adhered to:

1. Any drone usage must be respectful of the rights of others. A drone may not be used to monitor or record areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy in accordance with accepted social norms. These areas include but are not limited to restrooms, locker rooms, individual residential rooms, residence hall gathering areas, changing or dressing rooms, and health treatment rooms.
2. Drones may not be used to monitor or record sensitive institutional or personal information which may be found, for example, on an individual's workspaces, on computer or other electronic displays.
3. Drones must not be flown in a manner which could reasonably be considered harassment (such as "buzzing" a person).
4. Drones are not allowed to be flown in a manner that is careless or reckless.
5. Drones must be flown above 15 feet, and must never fly above 400 feet.

6. Drone operators must keep their drones within sight. (First person camera view does not meet this requirement).
7. Flying within 100 feet of residence halls is not permitted.
8. Flying a drone over sporting events, or other groups of individuals is not permitted.
9. Operating a drone near emergency response efforts is not permitted.
10. Drones are only allowed to be flown during daylight hours.
11. Drones may not be operated from within a moving vehicle.
12. Operators must agree to any terms or stipulations coinciding with the College's approval.
13. The use of mirco-drones without cameras by students of the College may be permitted under limited circumstances.

Covenant College reserves the right to rescind or restrict a previously-granted approval and require the immediate cessation of any operation for any reason. For questions, please email the Covenant College Department of Safety and Security at security@covenant.edu.

Drone Use Request Form: <https://tinyurl.com/covenantdrone>