

Policy Title:	Simulated Violence, Confrontation or Disturbance for Academic Purposes
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Governing Body:	Academic Affairs	Policy Number:	AAD. 039
Policy Contact:	Collection Development Librarian	Date Revised:	11/07/24
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Related Policy:			

A. Description

This policy provides specific guidelines for the use of the SOU campus for any video production or other academic project that includes simulations of violence, injuries, spirited confrontation (violence/injuries/confrontation) or a simulated disturbance.

B. Definition(s)

Simulated violence -- disturbing scenes simulated to be taped for video productions or to be used as field laboratory exercises for other academic work. These scenes may contain simulations of violence, injuries, spirited confrontation (violence/injuries/confrontation), a simulated disturbance, or other events that may be misinterpreted by persons who encounter them.

C. Policy Statement

1. Acts of simulated violence on the SOU campus are restricted to educational purposes, such as class projects, creative intellectual expression, or training purposes.
2. Acts of simulated violence on the SOU campus must be pre-approved by Campus Public Safety (CPS).
 - a. Pre-approval requests must be submitted in writing to CPS (campuspublicsafety@sou.edu) at least five business days prior to the enactment. Organizers are strongly encouraged to reach out to CPS early in the planning stage, well before a pre-approval is submitted.
 - b. Pre-approval requests should be sent by the faculty or staff member responsible for event, such as an instructor, club advisor, or event organizer. Requests must include the date, time, location, nature of the staged event, and planned signage (e.g., Simulation Staged for Academic Exercise).
 - c. CPS will respond to pre-approval requests within 3 business days of receipt. CPS may specify additional

requirements for a particular enactment or modifications to the submitted plan for the enactment.

d. Disapprovals may be appealed to the Associate Provost.

3. Acts of simulated violence associated in any way with SOU that are conducted off campus must meet the same directives as when held on-campus (see 1 and 2 above). In addition, City or County permits may be required, as well as notification of local law enforcement. The faculty or staff member responsible for the event must reach out to CPS well in advance to learn what additional requirements are associated with the planned off-campus location. Evidence of having met those additional requirements must be included with the pre-approval request (see 2 above).

4. Because of the serious nature of this activity, failure to comply with this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary actions.

This policy may be revised at any time without notice. All revisions supersede prior policy and are effective immediately upon approval.

D. Relevant Authority

E. Other Information

The Policy Contact, defined above, will write and maintain the procedures related to this policy and these procedures will be made available within the Custodial Office.