

Chatham University Weapons Policy

All members of the campus community and visitors are prohibited from possessing or carrying weapons of any kind while on University property, regardless of whether they are licensed to carry the weapons or not. Such prohibition extends to individuals having weapons in briefcases, purses, tool boxes, personal vehicles, or other personal property or effects.

The only exceptions to this policy are:

- A. Firearms in the possession of University Police Officers;
- B. Firearms in the possession of on-duty law enforcement officers;

University sanctions will be imposed on offenders as appropriate and in addition, criminal charges may be filed.

For the purposes of this policy, “weapons” include;

- a) Firearms such as handguns, shotguns, rifles, pellet guns, machine guns, stun guns, Tasers, or electronic weapons
- b) Explosives such as bombs, grenades, blasting caps, fireworks/smoke bombs or other containers containing explosive substances
- c) Other equipment, material devices that, in the manner that they are used or could be used or are readily capable of causing serious bodily injury.

The items described in clause c) include but are not limited to knives (except small personal pocket knives with folding blades that are less than (3) inches long), teargas, chemical substances, brass knuckles, clubs, or chains.