# **Flight Limitations**

Any model aircraft operated on University property:

- May not exceed an altitude of 400 feet;
- May not be flown outside of the visual observation of the pilot;
- May not fly near people;
- May not fly in a careless or reckless manner;
- May not interfere with manned aircraft operations; and
- May not be used to take a photograph or video for compensation or sale to another individual, pursuant to FAA guidelines.

## **Airport Notification**

FAA regulations require that operators operating a UAS within a 5-mile radius of Tallahassee International Airport must give specific notice prior the use of UAS to the airport operator or controller. The University's Main Campus and Southwest Campus are within a 5-mile radius of the airport.

# **Privacy Considerations**

No UAS shall be used to monitor, photograph, or record areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy in accordance with accepted social norms.

# **Insurance Requirements**

Operators are require to provide proof of Additional Liability Insurance in accordance with FSU's Policy 4-OP-E-7, published at drones.fsu.edu.

## **Accident/Incident Reporting**

For flights approved under FSU's Policy, UAS operators are required to report to FSU's Environmental Health and Safety at (850) 644-6895 or ehs@admin.fsu.edu within 72 hours of any operation that results in at least serious injury, loss of consciousness, or property damage of at least \$500.

## Violations

Any violations of this policy by employees and students will be dealt with in accordance with applicable University policies and procedures. Any third parties that operate UAS in violation of this policy will be treated as trespassers and may be removed from campus. Violators of local, state, and federal laws may be handled by appropriate law enforcement.



The Office of Research Compliance Programs (ORCP) is responsible for the development, oversight and monitoring of the research compliance program for Florida State University. ORCP is your one-stop shop for research compliance matters.

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# A QUICK GUIDE TO DRONE USE AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY



## **About this Quick Guide**

This Quick Guide is published by Florida State University's Office of Research Compliance Programs (ORCP) as a brief summary of the laws, regulations, and issues to be considered with regards to using unmanned aircraft systems or drones in the university setting.

#### **Drones at FSU**

The Federal Aviation Administration and relevant state and federal laws regulate the operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including drones and model aircraft. FSU's Policy 4-OP-E-7, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operation is published at drones.fsu.edu, and applies to:

- FSU employees, students, and departments/ units operating UAS on FSU property or in any location as part of their University employment or as part of University activities;
- The purchase of UAS with University funds or funds being disbursed through a University account, grant, or FSU Research Foundation account; and/or
- The operation by any person of UAS on FSU property.

# **Approval to Fly**

Specific authorization to operate a UAS must be granted by FSU's Assistant Vice President for Public Safety before any of the following operations are permitted:

- Flight operations that are launched from any University owned or managed property, regardless of UAS ownership.
- Flight operations that are launched from or fly over any property other than University-owned or managed, if the AS is owned by FSU.

Procedures for requesting approval for flight operations are located at **drones.fsu.edu**.

## Which Authorization to Use

Uses	FSU Student Operated	FSU Employee Operated	Non-FSU Operated
Hobby or Recreation	With prior FSU approval, persons or organizations with no connections to research or commercial use may fly.	An FSU employee cannot operate a UAS under hobbyist or recreational rules in their capacity as an employee.	With prior FSU approval, persons or organizations with no connections to research or commercial use may fly.
Research / Commercial	An FSU student can fly for research purposes under the Instructional Use rules below if it furthers their education.	With prior FSU approval, employees may fly when adhering to Part 107 rules or FSU's public COA.	With prior FSU approval, a third party may operate UAS with an FAA 333 exemption or under Part 107 rules.
Instructional	With prior FSU approval, students may operate a UAS in furtherance of aviation-related education.		



## Doak Campbell Stadium

The FAA forbids all aircraft operations, including UAS operations, within a three (3) nautical mile radius (NMR) up to and including 3,000 feet above ground level (AGL) of Doak Campbell Stadium beginning one hour before the scheduled start of a NCAA football game until one hour after the game ends.