

APU Dance Policy

I. Overarching Guidelines:

- Students or their guests must comply with all behavioral guidelines outlined in the Community Expectations section of the student handbook.
- Dress must be in good taste and in accordance with the university's mission and purpose.
- Music must be in good taste in accordance with the university's mission and purpose. Music deemed inappropriate will not be accepted for use. [Refer to Media Policy.](#)
- As in all university activities, the expectation for on- and off-campus dances is that they will be in accordance with University policies and guidelines.

II. Campus Dance Events: *This section refers specifically to social dances hosted by the University, its students, or other affiliated groups.*

- Permitted participants
 - Dances are open to persons inside the university directly associated with Azusa Pacific University (i.e., students or employees). Dates or friends of students outside of the university are welcome to off-campus dances only.
 - No non-university or off-campus groups are to be invited (i.e., youth groups).
- Location
 - On-Campus
 - Locations must be approved through Event Services via events.apu.edu
 - Off-Campus
 - Sponsored only for special events hosted by the Office of Campus Life
 - No social dances will be scheduled in on-campus residential areas.
- Planning
 - All on-campus dances must be approved by the Office of Campus Life.
 - The Director of Campus Life will be responsible for the final approval of all planning and organizing of all Azusa Pacific University sponsored dances.
 - The sponsoring office will be responsible for the conduct of all attendees.
 - The sponsoring office must review all relevant dance details 48 hours before the event. Additionally, the sponsoring organization must evaluate the dance afterward and follow up on any pending items.
- Time
 - No dances will be allowed on Sunday.
 - Dances that begin on Friday evening must end at 1 a.m. on Saturday; dances held Monday through Thursday must end at midnight (10 p.m. if outdoors to comply with local noise ordinances).
- Representation
 - Chaperone/participant ratios will be established based on the number and age of the participants at the event.

- Members of the sponsoring office will attend to ensure compliance with all guidelines.
- Music
 - As stated above in “Overarching Guidelines,” Music must be in good taste in accordance with the university’s mission and purpose. Music deemed inappropriate will not be accepted for use. [Refer to Media Policy.](#)
- Frequency
 - On-campus dances will be limited to two per semester.
 - Off-campus dances will be limited to one per semester.

III. Educational/Cultural Dances: *This section refers specifically to dancing that occurs as a part of another activity, club/organizational meeting, cultural event, or other educational opportunities.*

- Permitted participants
 - Dances are open to persons inside the university directly associated with Azusa Pacific University (i.e., students or employees).
 - No non-university or off-campus groups are to be invited (i.e., groups of friends or youth groups).
 - Outside instructors may be invited as long as they have been approved by the organization’s faculty/staff advisor or by the Office of Campus Life.
- Location
 - Locations must be approved through Event Services via events.apu.edu.
 - These events are not allowed to be hosted off campus.
- Planning
 - The club/organization’s advisor or the sponsoring office must approve these events.
 - The sponsoring office will be responsible for the conduct of all attendees.
- Time
 - No events of this type will be allowed on Sunday.
 - Dances that begin on Friday evening must end at 1 a.m. on Saturday; dances held Monday through Thursday must end at midnight (10 p.m. if outdoors to comply with local noise ordinances).
- Representation
 - The club/organization/student group must have their faculty/staff advisor present at these events.

IV. Dance Rehearsal/Residential Space Usage: *This section refers specifically to dancing that occurs as a preparation for another event/performance and also addresses guidelines for the use of facilities within the residential community (residence hall lounges, lobbies, etc.).*

- All practices must be approved by the Area Director before the actual practice.

- The use of living area common spaces (i.e., lounges, patios, and sports courts), length of practice, and other details may be determined to be allowed or disallowed prior to or during the practice at the sole discretion of the Area Director or the Residence Life staff.
- All music or noise must fall within the living area's current noise and courtesy hours standards.
- All participants must comply with behavioral guidelines outlined in the Community Expectations and Residence Life policies.
- Organizations and/or individuals who fail to comply with the Community Expectations and Residence Life policies will forfeit the current and future use of living area spaces for practices.