A. SCOPE

This regulation applies to all persons on Florida Gulf Coast University property or property under the control of the University.

B. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

1. The possession of a firearm is prohibited on University property or property under the control of the University. The University specifically waives the exception provided for in Section 790.115(2)(a)3., Florida Statutes, thereby prohibiting possession of firearms within vehicles parked on campus.

2. Sworn peace officers who are required by their employment to be armed are exempt from this regulation.

3. Persons possessing concealed weapon permits must comply with this regulation and may not possess a firearm or other weapon on University property or property under the control of the University except as permitted by Section 790.06(12), Florida Statutes.

C. POSSESSION OF WEAPONS ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

The possession of any weapon is prohibited on University property or property under the control of the University. Additional items prohibited by law or regulation include: fireworks, explosives, chemical weapons or devices, bb guns, pellet guns, and air soft/paintball guns or weapons except that a person may possess a common pocket knife, legitimate tools appropriately used in authorized work on campus, and certain other weapons as defined in this policy.

D. EXCEPTIONS

Notwithstanding the above, the following are permitted:

1. A weapon or firearm to be displayed or used in any of the academic programs of the University, after permission is obtained from the Office of the Provost and the Chief of Police.
2. A self-defense chemical spray may be carried.

3. A person licensed to carry a concealed weapons, and who is affiliated with the University as a student, employee, or faculty, may carry a non-dart firing stun gun for defensive purposes.

E. VIOLATION OF REGULATION

A student found to be in violation of this regulation may be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct and may be subject to arrest and prosecution. An employee found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to discipline under Regulation FGCU–PR5.016 or the Collective Bargaining Agreement, as applicable, and may be subject to arrest and prosecution. Any other person found to be in violation of this regulation may be subject to arrest and prosecution.

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