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Drone Policy and Request Forms

Students, faculty, staff, and their guests are permitted to use drones on the Bard College campus in accordance with College policies and federal regulations. Before flying on campus, all individuals must complete both drone flight notices listed below. Individuals must fill out both forms for each planned flight. These forms must be submitted at least five (5) full business days prior to any planned flights.

All drones operated on the Bard campus must be registered online at registermyuas.faa.gov and goo.gl/forms/3gkEv982xSA28pR63.

Students:

Per federal regulations, currently enrolled Bard students who fly drones as part of ongoing credited coursework or for recreation are not required to obtain a Federal Aviation Administration drone operator certificate. Student drone operators must comply with all FAA guidelines and rules for safe recreational drone use, which are outlined here: faa.gov/uas/getting_started/fly_for_fun. Students operating drones for profit must be certified by the FAA.

Faculty and Staff:

Bard College faculty are permitted to assist students in drone operations, so long as the operation is part of for-credit coursework. However, if a Bard College faculty or staff member intends to operate a drone outdoors on campus as part of their professional duties as a college employee and outside of any student coursework, **they are required by law** to obtain certification from the Federal Aviation Administration. More information on how to become a certified drone operator is available here: faa.gov/uas/getting_started/fly_for_work_business/becoming_a_pilot. Bard employees wishing to use drones on campus for strictly recreational purposes—i.e., activities that are in no way tied to their duties as college employees—are not required to obtain certification.

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Guests and Vendors:

Non-Bard community members who wish to operate drones over the campus must request permission through a current community member using the online request form. Guests operating drones for profit are required to obtain certification from the FAA.

Campus Policy for All Drone Operators:

You may never operate a drone:

1. Near or above pedestrians without their consent
2. At night
3. Above 400 ft
4. Beyond the operator's direct line of sight
5. In adverse weather conditions
6. Within 200 ft of all buildings
7. In a reckless manner

Drone operators are required to plan all flights in advance to accommodate weather conditions, become familiar with potential obstacles, and create a safe flight path.