



Filming and Photography on Campus Policy

As a private university, Brigham Young University retains the right to determine access onto campus property. The university also retains the right to determine how campus property is used for filming and photography. This policy outlines who may or may not film or photograph on campus.

Commercial Filmmakers and Photographers

The university does not allow people or businesses to film or photograph on campus and use that media for promotional, marketing, commercial, advocacy, or similar purposes. This prohibition includes individuals whose work on YouTube or other digital platforms is aimed at generating income through advertising, music sales, lead generation, or other means.

Political, Documentary, and Advocacy Work

Consistent with the university's [Political Neutrality Policy](#), political candidates may not use photographs or video taken on campus for campaign purposes. Groups or individuals may not film or photograph for documentaries or advocacy campaigns on campus property without university approval, which may be requested from University Communications.

Personal Use

To fulfill its mission, the university seeks to maintain an environment where students and employees are safe and respected. Individuals, including visitors to campus, may take video and photographs for personal use that are unobtrusive, are in keeping with other campus policies, and do not interrupt campus programs, classes, or activities. Videos that do not meet this standard are prohibited and may be referred to BYU Police for investigation.

Student Work

BYU students may film or take photographs on campus as part of an academic project if they obtain approval from their professor or another university academic advisor. Faculty members or other academic advisors who approve student plans to film or photograph on campus are to ensure that the activity complies with this and other university policies.

Journalists

News organizations are generally permitted to film and take photographs in open areas of the campus. Journalists should contact University Communications beforehand as some events and venues have photography restrictions. News reporters and photographers should have media credentials to identify themselves and are expected to follow journalistic codes of conduct and ethics.



Departments and Employees

On-campus filming and photography done on behalf of a university unit should be approved through the respective dean or director. Film and photography crews should also carry credentials that include the department name and contact information. Shoots that require special accommodations because of the location or the activity should be coordinated with building supervisors in advance. Film and photography crews should be aware of and adhere to the university's [Risk Management and Safety Policy](#).

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PRIOR VERSION: N/A

APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all university personnel, students, and visitors to campus.

POLICY OWNER: Assistant to the President, University Communications

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: University Communications

RELATED POLICIES:

- [Information Use, Privacy, and Security Policy](#)
- [Media Contact Policy](#)
- [Photography Use Policy](#)
- [Political Neutrality Policy](#)
- [Risk Management and Safety Policy](#)
- [Scheduling and Use of BYU Facilities Procedures](#)
- [Speakers and Events Policy](#)