QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
SYSTEM (UAS)/DRONE
POLICY

The Office of Integrated Marketing Communications owns and operates
the only official university drone for the purpose of capturing aerial
footage of campuses or events for its marketing communications or
other defined purposes. The use of drones for hobby or recreational use
on Quinnipiac University property is not permitted. Any use of a UAS
from or over the campus or inside a campus building is strictly prohibited
except under the following circumstances:

Educational or Research Use

- The use of drones is permitted only for educational or research
purposes relating to Quinnipiac University.
- Must obtain prior approval from the Quinnipiac Productions
department within the Office of Integrated Marketing
Communications at least 48 hours prior to the use
of a UAS by going to go.qu.edu/request (https://
www.wrike.com/frontend/requestforms/index.html?
token=eyJhY2NvdW50SWQiOjY5MzIyNDc0OjQ5MDI1NjMwMDY2NzYxMTc1NjI2
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and filling out the Communications Request Form.
- Must provide date/time, purpose, and length of UAS operations, as
well as the area of the campus where a UAS will be used.
- Must comply with all federal, state and city laws.
- Must have experience in operating a UAS and operate it in a
responsible manner, or have direct supervision by a licensed operator
(must have a Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate).
- Must not operate over areas of public assembly, stadiums or areas of
construction.
- Must not photograph, video, or monitor areas where other members
of the university community or members of the general public would
have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Civil Operations/Commercial Use:

- All civil (commercial, contract, or university-owned) operated UAS
devices must comply with all federal (FAA), state and local laws.
- Must obtain prior approval from the Quinnipiac Productions
department within the Office of Integrated Marketing
Communications at least 48 hours in advance of the
proposed use of a UAS by going to go.qu.edu/request
(https://www.wrike.com/frontend/requestforms/index.html?
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ZmE1NjQ1ODAwZmUwYjY2M2I5MThhZTVjNzI1ZjI5NzU1MmQwODAzMjM1MjI2M2I=
and filling out the Communications Request Form.
- A university-owned or commercial UAS must comply with FAA
regulations by obtaining and producing a Part 107 Remote Pilot
Certificate prior to use on the campus. (See faa.gov (http://faa.gov)).
- A UAS operator must provide a certificate of insurance naming the
trustees of Quinnipiac University as an additional insured with a
minimum limit of no less than $1 million per occurrence and $2
million in the aggregate in liability insurance written on an occurrence
basis.
- A commercially owned (university or contract) operator must file a
“flight plan” including date, time and duration of flight and operational

Sanctions

Any violations of law (trespassing, illegal surveillance, reckless
endangerment) or violations of university policies may subject the
individual to both criminal and/or disciplinary action. Students allegedly
in violation of this policy will be referred to the Student Conduct Process. Damages/injuries occurring to university property or individuals will be
the responsibility of the UAS operator.

Responsibilities

The Office of Public Affairs is responsible for establishing the policy,
which has been approved by the President’s Office. The Quinnipiac
Productions department, Department of Public Safety, Facilities
Department and Division of Student Affairs are responsible for enforcing
the policy.

Quinnipiac University maintains the authority to “ground” or suspend
operations of any UAS that is not compliant with FAA regulations, this
policy, or presents a danger to university property or to the university
community.

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