



University Center

EXTERNAL GROUP / PRIVATE RENTALS USAGE OF UNIVERSITY CENTER FACILITIES

Submitting a room reservation for the University Center facilities indicates acknowledgment of your agreeing to the below information, and that you will abide by all University regulations, including those stated below. This indicates that the contact person/applicant assumes full responsibility for the event. Agreement to these policy statements and submission of a reservation request form DOES NOT confirm your reservation in the University Center. Reservations are valid once a confirmation statement is received via e-mail from the University Center.

1. **GENERAL USAGE:** The Director of the University Center reserves the right to cancel this reservation if it conflicts in any way with the policies or regulations of the University regarding meetings on the campus or if it violates any federal, state, or local law. The right is reserved to change this reservation to other areas on campus with the understanding that, if possible, comparable facilities will be provided when a change is necessary. All local, state, and federal laws will be strictly observed (i.e. state fire and liquor ordinances). Charges for room usage will be based on the University Center's rental fee structure.
2. **DEPOSITS:** Organizations shall pay a 50 percent deposit on the total rental fee and return the signed contract within 30 days to confirm the reservation; if the reservation is made within 30 days of the event date, payment in full will be due to secure the reservation. This deposit can be paid through cash, check payable to Webster University, or credit card. In addition to the rental deposit, all renters are required to provide a credit card in order to hold the facility and serve as a damage deposit. The card will NOT be charged unless damages are incurred or by instruction of the renting party for payment of total fees.
3. **CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations within 30 days of initial event date will forfeit the original deposit (50%). Cancellations within 7 days will forfeit 100% of rental payment.
4. **CHARGES:** Organizations shall pay all usual and customary charges established by the University for use of the University Center facilities and of equipment and services related thereto. ALL groups will be assessed charges for extra services including but not limited to additional building hours, staffing, housekeeping, floor cover placement and removal, and will be assessed charges for additional maintenance expenses brought about by the use of the facilities. Due to the housekeeping schedule, a \$75.00 maintenance fee will automatically apply to events ending later than 10:00pm on Fridays. Additionally, groups wishing to use any University Center facilities for storage prior to or following an event will be charged \$250.00 per calendar day outside of the scheduled event date(s). All groups are required to schedule timed delivery and pickup when renting equipment through external vendors. The University reserves the right to require advance payment of all or any portion of any relevant charges.
5. **STORAGE:** Because of high demand for space, all groups are required to schedule timed delivery and pickup from external vendors to occur within reserved times. The Director of the University Center must approve all delivery and pickup times, prior to arrangements being confirmed with the vendor. In the case that a timed delivery is not available within the scheduled event parameters, groups will be charged \$250.00 per calendar day (excluding the day(s) of the event) for storage of rental equipment. This relates to events occurring in all areas of the University Center including but not limited to the Sunnen Lounge and the Grant Gymnasium. The University Center cannot guarantee the safety of any items left unsecured.
6. **UNIVERSITY POLICIES:** All Webster University policies and regulations must be observed. Violation will subject the applicant to University judicial action, possible legal liability, and risk the immediate closing of the event.
7. **ROOM POLICIES:** Usage of rooms in the University Center is restricted to campus departments, registered student organizations or private parties paying a rental fee. Specific requirements for room usage include but are not limited to the following:
 - 7a. **GRANT GYMNASIUM:**
 1. Priority use of this space is given to the Athletics Department of Webster University. Groups wishing to use the space during the fall semester may make requests after August 1 of the given year, and after December 1 for spring semester requests.
 2. Non-athletic events being held in this space require the use of the vinyl floor covering; this requires a \$75.00 floor cover charge.
 3. If your event will require extra trash cans or recycling bins, this must be communicated to the Director of the University Center. Arrangements will be made to provide additional receptacles, the cost for which will be billed back to the group.
 4. The University Center does not provide furniture for use in the Grant Gymnasium. Groups hosting events will be required to rent furniture from an outside vendor, delivery and pickup of which must be coordinated within the confirmed rental times.
 5. The University Center can provide 1 microphone for use in the Grant Gymnasium. AV needs greater than what can be provided by the University Center will be required to be rented from an outside vendor, setup of which must be coordinated within the confirmed rental times.

6. Groups hosting events in the Grant Gymnasium that are atypical may be required to meet with the Director of the University Center to approve details of the program.

7b. UNIVERSITY CENTER COMMONS:

1. The Commons rental area is limited to the space between the restrooms and the staircase to the Lower Level.
2. When using the Commons as a programming space, all other Upper Level rooms (Sunnen Lounge, University Center Conference Room, and Presentation Room) must be reserved as part of the same event at the same time; one of these rooms must be used for furniture storage when the Commons setup is atypical.
3. Programs in this space are required to complete and file a party permit with the Director of the University Center.
4. Per Webster Groves fire code, one side of the stairwell must be entirely unobstructed at all times.

7c. QUAD:

1. Use of the Quad is limited to Campus Departments and Student Organizations. The Quad is not available for private rentals by internal or external groups.
8. **SAFETY:** In the interest of personal safety of guests of the University, students, faculty, and staff, all reservations are approved on the assumption that the facility will not be used in excess of the normal seating capacity and will be used as it is normally equipped. It is further agreed that the posted safety and fire prevention regulations will be followed.
9. **SMOKING:** In accordance with University policy, smoking is not permitted within the building or within 30 feet of any building entrances.
10. **ALTERATIONS TO FACILITIES:** The Director of the University Center must approve any changes in the facility. Such changes may include but are not limited to the removing, moving or addition of equipment and decorations. Requests for such changes will be honored only with PRIOR notice to the Director of the University Center, and with the stipulation that the organization will assume the necessary cost. The University at the expense of the organization will correct any unauthorized adjustments within the facility.
11. **DECORATIONS:** All combustible decorative material including curtains, scenery, and acoustical material (with the exception of the floor covering) will be flame retardant. No decorations may be adhered to any painted or wallpapered surfaces. Candles may be used provided that they are used floating in water but are still subject to approval by the Director of the University Center. Helium balloons must be attached to weights and not tied to furniture; there is a \$5.00 per balloon charge for stranded balloons. Glitter is absolutely not allowed in any decorations or signage in the University Center.
12. **DAMAGES:** The organization, its officers, and any individual applying to reserve space are responsible for the condition of the facilities and the use to which they are put during the time reserved. The organization and such persons shall be responsible for all damages or misappropriation by any guests, invitees or attendees. The organization shall reimburse the University for any such damage or loss. No organization other than the reserving organization may use the facilities reserved. Excess housekeeping charges will be forwarded to the reserving group; charges are incurred at the discretion of the Director of Custodial Services.
13. **EXITS:** All aisles leading to exit doors must be kept clear and unobstructed. During the period of use, no required exit door may be fastened so that the door cannot be opened readily from the inside. Required exits serving the room shall be adequately lighted when the room is occupied.
14. **SIGNS, POSTERS, AND FLYERS:** All printed material, whether directional or informational, must be approved and posted in approved locations. Directional signs may be placed on exterior doors one hour before the event only and removed immediately following the program. Organizations and individuals using or renting space in the University Center for non-University events may not use any Webster University symbols or printed marks, or in any way imply Webster University endorsement or co-sponsorship of their event. The words "WEBSTER UNIVERSITY" may only be used as part of the address or as a location designation.
15. **FOOD SERVICE:** Events may utilize Webster University Dining Services (Sodexo — 314-246-7775), or another licensed caterer. Self-catering is also permitted; however, service of alcoholic beverages is only permitted with a licensed caterer/bartender. Approval of alcoholic beverages must be granted by the Director of the University Center PRIOR to event; groups failing to follow this policy will lose rental privileges in the Webster University Center. Student organizations should consult with the Director of the University Center regarding food permit and party permit requirements.
16. **PARKING:** Please instruct non-University attendees to utilize the Garden Park Plaza parking garage. Reserved parking for event VIPs and/or delivery purposes must be requested through the Director of the University Center at least 7 days in advance of the event. Parking requests will be approved through the Department of Public Safety and may not necessarily be located in Lot H.
17. **LIABILITY, INSURANCE, AND INDEMNIFICATION:** The reserving organization, its officers and members agree to indemnify and hold harmless Webster University from any expense occasioned by any suit or claim as a result of any injury in tort or contract to any person resulting from the organization's use of the University Center facilities, and agrees to furnish the University with insurance protection, if any, required by the University as a condition of said usage. Groups must be able to provide, upon request of the Director of the University Center, a certificate of insurance which provides evidence of general liability coverage with a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, with Webster University named as an Additional Insured, with no exclusions or underlying sub-limits for sexual molestation.