

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Policy/Procedure

Policy Statement

All members of the College community, including faculty, staff, and students, as well as visitors to Dickinson College, are prohibited from operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs), also known as drones, without the permission of the Director of Academic Technology.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

Dickinson College is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment in which to conduct educational activities and house its students and to complying with local, state and federal laws and regulations.

Who Needs To Know This Policy

Visitors to campus, faculty, staff and students

Policy/Procedures

All members of the College community, including faculty, staff, and students, as well as visitors to Dickinson College, wishing to operate UASs for educational and research purposes must obtain the permission of the Director of Academic Technology.

Related Information

Definition

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs) in the context of Dickinson College are defined as Model Aircraft by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA states that “Recreational use of airspace by model aircraft is covered by [FAA Advisory Circular 91-57](#) (PDF), which generally limits operations for hobby and recreation to below 400 feet, away from airports and air traffic, and within sight of the operator. In June 2014, the FAA published a [Federal Register notice](#) (PDF) on its interpretation of the statutory special rules for model aircraft in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. The law is clear that the FAA may take enforcement action against model aircraft operators who operate their aircraft in a manner that endangers the safety of the national airspace system. In the notice, the FAA explains that this enforcement authority is designed to protect users of the airspace as well as people and property on the ground.” (<http://www.faa.gov/uas/>).

History/Revision Information

Responsible Office/Division: Library and Information Services, Chief Information Officer

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Also Found In: Technology Policies on College website

http://www.dickinson.edu/info/20198/technology_services/2213/technology_policies/9