CAMPUSSAFETY & SECURITY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (OAS)

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE OF POLICY
A. This policy governs the operation by any person of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) on University property. This policy also governs all University personnel while operating UAS in any location as part of their University employment or as part of University activities. Any operation of UAS by the University Police or state, county or local police, for legitimate law enforcement purposes in case of an emergency, is exempt from this policy.

Reason for Policy - The policy is established to require compliance with all applicable laws, including FAA requirements, state law, and local laws or regulations regarding UAS. Further, the policy requires compliance with the University’s policies and procedures relating to export control and trade sanction laws [http://sites.udel.edu/generalcounsel/policies/export-controls-and-trade-sanctions/]. Finally, the policy promotes the safety, security and privacy of the members of the University community.

1.2 DEFINITIONS
A. As used in this policy, the following terms shall have the meanings specified.
   A. “Unmanned Aircraft Systems” (“UAS” or “Drones”) means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements, including communication links and components that control the unmanned aircraft. For the purposes of this definition, unmanned aircraft shall mean aircraft without a human pilot on board the aircraft.
   B. “University” means the University of Delaware and / or any of its subdivisions.
   C. “University property” means any and all property owned, rented, leased, or controlled by the University.
   D. The phrase “on University property” shall mean “from, on or above University property.”
   E. “University personnel” means faculty, students and staff of the University, persons performing voluntary work for the University, and contractors performing under a contract with the University.
   F. “FAA” means Federal Aviation Administration

1.3 POLICY STATEMENT
A. University of Delaware supports and encourages the use of innovative technology in research and education. Unmanned aircraft systems (“UAS” or “drones”) represent a rapidly growing industry, creating unique educational, research, commercial and recreational opportunities for faculty, students, and the broader campus community. This policy attempts to reduce the risks to safety, security and privacy due to the operation of UAS on University property. All persons operating UAS on University property, shall ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local rules and regulations.

1.4 POLICY STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES
A. General Policy
   Any use of a UAS on University property, or inside a building on University property, is strictly prohibited without prior written University authorization.
B. Obtaining authorization for UAS Operations on University Property

The University may authorize the following limited UAS operations on University property at its discretion:

- Educational or Research Uses
- Civil or Commercial Uses
- Public or Government Uses

Persons interested in obtaining authorization for UAS operations shall submit the attached Application for Authorization to the University of Delaware Campus & Public Safety Office at:

Office of Campus and Public Safety 413 Academy Street
Newark, DE 19716
Phone: 302-831-7285
Application may be sent electronically via email to the following address: uas-apps@udel.edu

Any notifications, or inquiries concerning UAS operations on University property, shall also be submitted to the above address. All applications for authorization shall be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the planned flight date. All required elements of an application must be received before the application can be reviewed and/or approved by the University.

All authorized UAS operations shall be in accordance with all federal, state, and local rules and regulations. All authorized UAS operations shall also be in strict adherence to all applicable University policies, including but not limited to policies that promote the safety, security and privacy of University personnel.

If the UAS is operated by a contractor pursuant to an authorization under this policy, he/she shall be accompanied by a representative of the University at all times.

C. Prohibited Uses – The following uses of UAS are prohibited on University property. If you are part of a University affiliated research project, and need to use UAS for one of the uses listed in this section, or any other use prohibited by this policy, contact the Vice President of Research, Scholarship & Innovation. The Vice President of Research, Scholarship & Innovation may grant a waiver of this section of the Policy if appropriate, after review and discussions with the requesting department.

1. Hobby or recreational use of UAS is strictly prohibited on or above University Property, except as part of a course or University sanctioned educational program, or for an event organized by a student organization recognized by the University. Prior authorization shall be obtained in accordance with this Policy for any such uses.

2. UAS shall not be used to monitor or record areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. These areas include but are not limited to restrooms, locker rooms, individual residential rooms, changing or dressing rooms, and health treatment rooms.

3. UAS shall not be used to monitor or record residential hallways, residential lounges, or the insides of campus daycare facilities.

4. UAS shall not be used to monitor or record sensitive institutional or personal information which
may be found, for example, on an individual's workspaces, on computer or other electronic displays.

5. UAS shall not be operated over areas of public assembly and stadiums.

6. All types of anti-UAS technologies, including but not limited to devices that jam signals to or from a UAS, are strictly prohibited.

7. D Responsibility and Enforcement

Anyone operating UAS on University property is personally responsible for complying with FAA regulations, state and federal laws, and all university policies and procedures.

Any violations of federal, state, and local laws or violations of University policies may subject the UAS operator to civil, criminal and/or disciplinary action. Fines or damages incurred by individuals or units that do not comply with this policy will not be paid by the University and will be the responsibility of those persons involved.

Legal prohibitions regarding physical presence on campus/trespassing and other legal action may also be pursued against third parties that operate UAS in violation of this policy. The University may report any unauthorized UAS operations to campus and local law enforcement, and may prosecute such individuals to the fullest extent allowable under the law. University personnel who violate this policy may also be subject to discipline and/or possible civil or criminal action.

References and Resources


FAA Part 333, 334 & 336 Summary - https://www.faa.gov/uas/media/Sec_331_336_UAS.pdf


Information on Certificates of Waiver or Authorization (COA) – https://www.faa.gov/uas/faqs/

FAA Fact Sheet – State and Local Regulation of UAS - https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsid=84369


Delaware House Bill No. 195 - https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail?legislationId=24294

End of Section
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO USE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)

This application must be completed and submitted to uas-apps@udel.edu by any person who intends to operate a UAS on University property. The application must be completed and submitted prior to any UAS operations on any university property, at any university sponsored event, or as part of their university employment. All forms and required attachments must be submitted not less than two (2) weeks in advance of flight operations. The requestor will receive a response from the University within 10 working days of request receipt. Prior to submission of this form, the requestor must review the UAS policy found here: http://www.udel.edu/safety/policies/uas.html

ANY OMISSION OF INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN A DELAY OF PROCESSING OF APPLICATION AND APPROVAL.

Date of Application: _____________________

SECTION 1: REQUESTOR INFORMATION

1. Applicant
   1.1. Full Name of Applicant: ____________________________
   1.2. Title and Affiliation: ______________________________
       (list current university faculty, staff, student, vendor, etc.)
   1.3. Address: ________________________________
   1.4. Phone Number(s): ________________________________
       (include cell phone #)
   1.5. Email: ________________________________

2. Is the Applicant the UAS Owner ☐ YES ☐ NO
   If the answer is NO, please provide the following information:
   2.1. Full Name of UAS owner: ________________________________
   2.2. Title and Affiliation: ________________________________
   2.3. Address: ________________________________
   2.4. Phone Number(s): ________________________________
       (include cell phone #)
   2.5. Email: ________________________________

Is the UAS Owner Affiliated with the University? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Under which operational protocol (FAA category) will the UAS be flown? (Choose one)

3.1. 14 CFR Part 107

3.2. Section 333 of FMRA

3.3. Section 334 of FMRA

3.4. Section 336 of FMRA

3.5. Other

SECTION 2: PURPOSE OF UAS REQUEST/PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Provide full details of flight purpose (education, research, promotional, etc.), including identity of the UAS operator(s) and/or flight team. Depending upon your intended use and activities associated with the use of the UAS, there may be other university approvals required before you can operate the UAS on university property or at university events. Please include whether the UAS activity will involve videography, photography or recording devices of any type.

1. Purpose of planned flight:

☐ Research ☐ Educational

☐ Promotional ☐ Other University Business

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1 You can operate under Section 336 of FMRA only if you are a student operating the UAS as part of a course or university sanctioned educational program
2. Persons involved in the operation of the UAS

2.1. Name of the Pilot (or Remote Pilot) in Command: ____________________________
("PIC")

Title and Affiliation: ____________________________
(list current university faculty, staff, student, vendor, etc.)

Address: ____________________________

Phone Number(s): ____________________________
(include cell phone #)

Email: ____________________________

2.2. Name of the Visual Observer ("VO"): ____________________________

Title and Affiliation: ____________________________
(list current university faculty, staff, student, vendor, etc.)

Address: ____________________________

Phone Number(s): ____________________________
(include cell phone #)

Email: ____________________________

3. Specific Location of planned flight:

Latitude and longitude of the location: ____________________________

Maximum altitude planned for the flight: ____________________________

Maximum distance of the UAS from the PIC: ____________________________

Air space classification of the proposed location: ____________________________

Are any additional approvals required for flying in this airspace*: 

☐ YES ☐ NO

* If the answer is YES, (i.e. additional approvals are required for flying in this airspace), attach the required approvals.
4. Activity details

   Expected date(s) of operation: __________________________

   Expected start time: __________________________

   Expected end time: __________________________

SECTION 3: UAS DESCRIPTION, SPECIFICATIONS, AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

3.1 Are you planning to use a commercially made UAS that has not been customized in any way?

   If “Yes”, indicate the make and model: □ YES □ NO

   Make: __________________________ Model: __________________________

   Serial Number: __________________________ Power Source: __________________________

   Weight and Dimensions of UAS without payload: __________________________

   Weight and Dimensions of UAS with payload: __________________________

Provider of liability insurance: __________________________

Is the UAS or any other technology used in the proposed operation export-controlled*?

   □ YES □ NO

* If the answer is YES (i.e. UAS or any other technology used in the proposed operation export-controlled), please attach an explanation.

If you have previously requested approval of UAS flight provide the following:

   Date of previous approval: __________________________
3.2 Please include any other information that may assist the University in its review:
Certification

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this Application for Authorization and the attached documents are true and correct. I further certify that all authorized UAS operations will be in strict compliance with all applicable federal, state and local rules and regulations, and all applicable University policies. I am aware of, and hereby take responsibility for, all pre-flight notification requirements and post-flight reporting requirements.

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Signature of Applicant                         Date

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Albert J. Homiak, Jr.                        Date
Executive Director, Campus & Public Safety

Request Approved:  □ YES  □ NO

Comments or requirements for operation are listed below and must be observed. All approved applicants MUST carry this approved application in their possession during the entirety of the UAS activity.
Required attachments:

1. Proof of UAS registration with FAA.
2. Copy of the insurance policy and Certificate of insurance naming the University of Delaware as an additional insured with a minimum of $5 million in general liability insurance written on an occurrence basis.
3. At least four (4) photographs of the UAS from different angles.
4. Brief description of the payload.
5. PIC certification and/or license.
6. Brief description of the PIC’s experience on the UAS to be used.
7. Brief description of the PIC’s experience in similar operational scenarios.
8. Brief description of the PIC’s experience in any other UAS operations.
9. Brief description of the VO’s experience on the UAS to be used.
10. Brief description of the VO’s experience in similar operational scenarios.
11. Brief description of how the VO will communicate with the PIC.
12. List of all other persons who will be involved in the proposed operation, and a description of their roles, duties and qualifications for the proposed roles.
14. Written permission from the property owner if the flight path include property not owned, rented or leased by the University of Delaware. An applicant may request a waiver for this requirement. If you are requesting such a waiver, please include a detailed statement describing why you cannot obtain written permission from the property owner, potential risks to the property owner due to the flight, and how you are mitigating and/or insuring against such risks.
15. Aerial view showing the area where the flight will take place and the location of PIC and VO. Highlight any physical features (e.g., fences, buildings)
16. Coordination plan with local air traffic.
17. If the answer to item 3.1 is “Yes” (i.e. you are operating under Part 107), and if you have obtained a waiver of any Part 107 requirement, please attach a copy.
18. If the answer to item 3.2 is “Yes” (i.e. you are operating under Section 333), attach a copy of the Section 333 exemption.
19. If the answer to item 3.3 is “Yes” (i.e. you are operating under Section 334 with a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA)), attach a copy of the COA.
20. If the answer to item 3.4 is “Yes” (i.e. you are operating under Section 336), attach brief description providing the course number, title, faculty member or the name of the recognized student organization and event details.
21. If the answer to item 3.5 is “Yes” (i.e. you are operating under other protocols that are not listed), attach a detailed description.
22. If the answer to item in Section 3, 3.1 is “No”, please attach an explanation describing details of construction and/or customization.

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2 You do not need to attach items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 if the answer to item 3.4 in Section 1 is “Yes,” and you are student operating the UAS as part of a course or university sanctioned educational program.
References and Resources

- Information on Certificates of Waiver or Authorization (COA) – https://www.faa.gov/uas/faqs/
- FAA Fact Sheet – State and Local Regulation of UAS - https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=84369