PURPOSE
To promote the safety of students and employees by the regulation of the possession of dangerous weapons within the requirements of law.

POLICY
It is the policy of Jacksonville State University that no employees, students, or visitors will keep, use, possess, display, or carry any rifle, shotgun, handgun, knife, or other lethal or dangerous weapons or devices capable of casting a projectile by air, gas, explosion, or mechanical means on any property or in any building owned, leased, or operated by the University or in any vehicles on Campus property. Realistic facsimiles of weapons are also specifically not allowed.

ENFORCEMENT
Any violation of this policy will result in appropriate action related to any offense(s) under Local, State, or Federal Statute.

EXCEPTIONS
Bonafide law enforcement officers may possess any approved firearm and other defensive instrument while on duty or at other times as approved by the Director of Public Safety.

Employees may possess weapons secured in their private vehicles provided such possession and storage strictly complies with the requirements of Act 2013-283 of the Alabama Legislature, effective August 1, 2013.

Students, visitors, and employees wishing to do so may securely store legally-possessed weapons at the University Police Department and request possession be returned upon existing
University property. The Director of Public Safety shall establish a procedure to accept, receipt for, store, and safely return such weapons to the owner that is consistent with this policy and the provisions of Act 2013-283.

Individuals who need to use weapons for display, instruction, classroom activities, or other appropriate purposes must first approve the activity and rationale with the Director of Public Safety at least 48 hours in advance. A written request to include intended purpose, safety precautions, date, and time of activity must be presented to the Director of Public Safety.

RESPONSIBILITY
The Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for this policy.

EVALUATION
This policy will be reviewed every two years or as necessary to comply with changes in the law.