

Noise Policy

Patrick Power Library

Saint Mary's University

The Library is a welcoming and congenial destination for all members of the Saint Mary's community. Because it is the primary research centre on campus, the Library strives to be a place where all students, faculty and staff are comfortable and where they will find an environment conducive to how they like to work.

The purpose of this policy is to inform the Library's users of our expectations regarding permissible noise levels and to guide them in their compliance with them.

The Library does not have a single noise policy for the entire building. Today's students read, write and carry out academic research in different ways, under different conditions, using different tools. In recognition of this, Library space has been segregated into various areas, serving different purposes.

- The 2nd and 3rd floors have been designated as "Quiet Zones". No talking or other noise is permitted. Seating is at individual carrels where students can work in a quiet environment, undisturbed by others.
- The main floor is an open space, adjacent to the Atrium and Global Commons. It is home to the Library's service desks, public computers, photocopiers, group study rooms and reading lounge and also serves as a conduit to the upper floors. Moderate noise and social interaction related to academic work is permitted.

Users of the Library are asked to be considerate of the needs of others and to be conscious of the impact their behavior may have on those around them. Consistent with the *Saint Mary's University Student Code of Conduct*, library staff will ask anyone making disruptive noise or disturbing others to refrain from doing so. If such behavior persists, the offender will be required to leave the Library.

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