

UNT Dallas Student Center 4th Floor Balcony

Rules and Guidelines

For UNT Dallas Campus Community

Purpose:

The 4th-floor balcony, located at Student Center, is a shared UNT Dallas space intended for quiet relaxation, informal gatherings, and individual or small-group study. These rules ensure safe, respectful, and equitable use by all members of the UNT Dallas community.

1. Access and Hours of Use

- The balcony is open to all current students and staff with proper reservation.
- **Hours of operation:**
Daily Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM (subject to change due to weather or UNT Dallas' events).
- The balcony is closed during:
 - Severe weather (i.e., rain, snow, high winds, or other times of inclement weather as deemed by UNT Dallas)
 - Maintenance or safety inspections
 - UNT Dallas-approved closures
- **A University Staff member must always be present during use of balcony space.**

2. Occupancy Limits

- Maximum capacity: **75 people** at any one time (as per structural load limits).
- Do not overcrowd or block doorways or exit routes.

3. Safety Rules

- No climbing, leaning, or sitting on balcony railings.
 - No running, rough housing, or horseplay.
 - Do not throw, drop, or hang any objects from the balcony.
 - Keep clear access to emergency exits.
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4. Prohibited Activities

- **No smoking or vaping** (in accordance with the campus smoke-free policy).
- **No open flames**, including candles, grills, or fireworks.
- **No loud music or amplified sound** without prior permission from campus authorities.

5. Furniture and Personal Items

- Only university-approved or installed furniture may be used.
- Do not move heavy furniture or block walking paths.
- Remove all personal belongings when leaving.
- Do not use the space for storage of any items.

6. Courtesy and Noise

- Be considerate of nearby classrooms, offices, and surrounding areas.
- Keep conversations at a respectful volume.
- Comply with the quiet hours near residential buildings (Quiet Hours are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.).

7. Events and Group Use

- Balcony users must book the space in advance through the Events department /Facilities.
- Organized events require prior approval and may have additional guidelines.

8. Emergencies and Reporting

- In case of an emergency, call **Campus Security: 972-946-0566** or **911**.
- Report on any unsafe behavior, damage, or maintenance issues to the Events Department or The Facilities Team.

9. Violations and Consequences

- Violations of these rules may result in:
 - Temporary or permanent loss of balcony access
 - Referral to Student Conduct or HR
 - Fines for damage or misuse

- Surveillance or security staff may monitor activity in accordance with campus policy.

10. Final Note

This space is a privilege—not a right. Please help keep it clean, safe, and welcoming for all.

When in doubt, ask: Contact the Events Department for clarification or concerns.