

Courtesy and Noise Policy

The Ned R. McWherter Library Courtesy and Noise Policy is designed to accommodate those who prefer collaborative space and those who prefer a quiet or silent space.

Social Zone

Normal-volume conversations and collaboration welcome.

First Floor

All Areas

Third Floor

Elevator Lobby
Group Study Rooms
Children's Book Collection
Group Study Tables
(West side)

Fourth Floor

Elevator Lobby
Group Study Rooms
Group Study Tables
(West side)

Second Floor

Elevator Lobby
Commons Area / Event Space

Quiet Zone

Low-volume conversations and low-volume cell phone use only.
Music or media should be listened to via headphones.

Second Floor

East Side
(book stacks & study tables)

Third Floor

East Side (computers,
study tables & study carrels)
& Bookstacks (East side only)

Fourth Floor

Perimeters of North &
South Sides (book stacks
& study carrels)

Silent Zone

No conversation or any audible cell phone use.
Music or media should not be audible to anyone else.
All areas directly near a silent zone should be a presumed quiet zone.

Third Floor

Individual Short-Term
Check-Out Carrels: 314 A-F

Fourth Floor

East Side (book stacks,
computers, study tables
& study carrels)

Policy Enforcement

If people around you are disturbing you, you can POLITELY ask them to be quieter, check out noise-reducing headphones from the Check-Out Desk, move to a quieter area, or report it. To report noise disturbance in a Quiet or Silent Zone, notify a Libraries employee, call 901.678.2205 or 901.678.2208, or click the Chat icon on the Libraries homepage.

The Courtesy & Noise Policy will be enforced on a "two strikes" basis. After a complaint has been made, offenders will be notified and reminded of the policy. After a second complaint, offenders will be asked to show their UofM ID. UofM offenders will be asked to read and sign the policy and to relocate to a collaborative area. Non-UofM offenders will be asked to leave. Libraries employees are authorized to call Police Services.

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