

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
Clear Bag Policy

Preamble

Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the campus community and the public, as well as expedite the entry into specified campus venues. Accordingly, the university has adopted a clear bag policy.

Unless otherwise noted all attendees are required to comply with this policy and are subject to the limits imposed on bag size and type of bags that may be brought into specified venues at ECSU. This policy is similar to those that have already been adopted for large venues or arenas across the State of North Carolina and nationwide and it also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

1. This policy will apply to the following campus venues:
 - a. Roebuck Stadium
 - b. R.L. Vaughan Center
 - c. Fine Arts Auditorium
 - d. Williams Hall
 - e. K.E. White Graduate Center
 - f. Any large venue or gathering as determined by the university.

2. **Approved items include:**
 - a. Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12 inches in height, 6 inches in depth and 12 inches in width;
 - b. Individual seat cushions no larger than 16 inches wide and must not include arms or pockets;
 - c. One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar);
 - d. Small clutch purse, approximately the size of an average adult hand, 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches or smaller; and
 - e. Diaper bags are subject to search and the infant for which the bag is being carried must be present (up to 36 months).

3. **Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:**
 - a. Purses larger than a clutch bag, exceeding 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches;
 - b. Coolers;
 - c. Briefcases;

- d. Backpacks, drawstring bags, cinch bags or fanny packs;
- e. Tinted or printed pattern plastic bags;
- f. Large purses, oversized tote bags and mesh bags;
- g. Luggage;
- h. Computer bags, camera bags, binocular cases or any bag larger than the permissible size; and
- i. Air horns, bull horns, cow bells, tambourines and/or any other disruptive noise makers.

Each attendee can enter specified campus venues with one clear bag and a clutch purse as long as both meet the requirements as stated in Section 2 above. The clutch purse can be carried separately from the clear bag and will be subject to search. Each attendee is permitted to carry items such as keys, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc. if they choose not to put them inside a clear bag or clutch purse. Extra jackets, blankets, binoculars without cases and cameras without cases can be carried into the venue. Jackets and blankets with pockets will be subject to search prior to entry. Prohibited bags and items cannot be placed in a clear bag in order to gain entry. The clear bag is to be used as a substitute for any prohibited bag.

Exceptions may be granted for medically necessary items, event personnel and credentialed media. However, all attendees are strongly encouraged to place items in a clear bag for easier entry. These exceptions will enter through designated gates or checkpoints and are subject to screening and/or bag inspections. Entry may be denied for individuals who fail to comply or allow inspections. The university reserves the right to deny entry of any item deemed inappropriate.