

UAV/Drone Policy

An **unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)**, commonly known as a **drone**, is an **aircraft** without a human pilot aboard. **UAVs** are a component of an **unmanned aircraft system (UAS)**; which include a **UAV**, a ground-based controller, and a system of communications between the two. The operation of an unmanned aircraft system (UAV), is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA.)

Flying unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV) of any type on all property belonging to Babson College is prohibited unless prior written approval has been granted in coordination with the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police and a detailed operational plan approved. As a private institution, Babson College has established policy and procedures regarding the operation of a UAV from or above the College's campuses or properties. The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, reduce safety risks and preserve privacy of members of the Babson College community.

All Babson community members and others who wish to use a UAV of any type for any College activity or above or around College property must submit a Babson UAV application containing the appropriate details outlined below through the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police at publicsafety@babson.edu or 781-239-5555 with no less than one week's notice. The Director of Public Safety will review the plan and seek input from other departments, divisions or areas within the College as deemed necessary. Operators must check in with the Public Safety Department before use on campus and will notify the Public Safety Department upon leaving campus.

Required Details for Application:

- Name, address and phone number of company/individual making the request
- Operator(s) name(s) and contact information
- UAV model and serial number, weight and dimensions (photo)
- Purpose and description of operation
- Flight plan
- Date/time of flight and duration
- Certificate of Insurance
- FAA Certificate of Authorization/UAV Operator certificate

Any individual operating or possessing UAV in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with applicable College policies and procedures, up to and including dismissal or termination as warranted. Any third party operating or possessing UAV on or above College property shall be subject to removal and other legal action, including but not limited to referral for criminal trespassing. UAV operated or possessed in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and the College holds the right to shut down the operation of an UAV if it creates any type of non-compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, presents a safety concern, electronic interference, poses a hazard to sensitive campus equipment and information, violation of privacy, or interferes with any Babson College activity.