

Campus carry law implemented by Texas State starts controversy throughout campus

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SAN MARCOS- Texas State University implemented the campus carry law on Aug. 1, provoking a diverse set of opinions and concerns amongst students throughout campus.

Texas Senate Bill 11 was passed by Legislation and signed into law by Governor Abbott on June 1, 2015. Starting Aug. 1, all public universities in Texas are now required to allow individuals with a license to carry a concealed weapon on its premises and in its buildings unless subject to restrictions imposed by the University President and approved by its Board of Regents. Students at Texas State are beginning to voice opinions on the impact the campus carry law may have at our school.

Amongst these students is activist Emma Rose Brockway who is strongly against permitting guns on college campuses. Brockway said before the law arrived on the Senate floor, she lobbied against it at the Capitol and spoke at one of the campus carry task forums on campus to voice her concerns before they released the final provisions.

“Restricting the bill more would make me feel safer. Other Texas universities, including, but not limited to, UT and UTSA restricted carry in residence halls and their libraries. However, Texas State campus carry task force and President Denise Trauth did not restrict the bill nearly as much as they could have.”

However, the campus carry law hasn't negatively affected everyone, like Texas State junior and physical therapy major, David Paez. Paez said there are a lot of robberies that have occurred on campus and he feels like people should be able to feel safe from unstable people.

“My whole family also approves of the campus carry law because they know that I'm safer. My dad's in the military, so I guess I'm just use to the thought of using a weapon to keep yourself safe.”

There's also students who feel neutral about the campus carry law. Junior and interior design major, Adriana Compean, doesn't feel any difference about her safety since the law has been implemented. Compean said she doesn't personally own a gun, but if someone feels safer having one they should be allowed to carry one with them.

“In my opinion, if a person wants to go out and kill someone, they are going to bring a gun regardless if they are allowed to by law or not. So with the new campus carry law, at least one of the people carrying a gun on campus is bound to have it for the right reason. So in a worst-case scenario where someone not in their right mind is trying to hurt people with a gun here on campus, there will be someone else nearby with a gun for the purpose of protection. So the matter can go both ways.”

For more information regarding the campus carry law and its rules and policies here at Texas State University students can visit <http://www.txstate.edu/campuscarry>

MC 1313: Introduction to Media Writing Writing assignment assessment

0= unacceptable – 1=poor – 2=weak – 3=average – 4=good – 5=excellent

Lead 0 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 **x 2** = (10) _____
Creative, focused (no lazy leads.)

Writing & organization 0 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 **x 5** = (25) _____
Concise, well-written, well-organized, good transitions, proper paraphrase and quote style.

Content 0 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 **x 4** = (20) _____
Complete information, balanced, no opinion and no holes. NOTE: Points deducted for fact error or name misspelling. *

Sourcing 0 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 **x 2** = (10) _____
Appropriate number and type of sources for the topic. (Complete information filled in below.)
Consideration given to the cultural diversity of the sources. Information properly attributed and sources fully identified. One source stories are not acceptable. You may not use friends, relatives, close acquaintances, current professors or other mass communication majors as sources. They present a conflict of interest. During Mass Communication Week, the ban on mass communication majors is lifted, but seek other sources when possible.

AP Style = (10) _____
*2 points deducted for EACH AP error; negative numbers indicate MORE than 5 errors.

Punctuation, Usage and Grammar = (25) _____
*5 points deducted for EACH PUG error; negative numbers indicate MORE than 5 errors.

- THIS ONLY APPLIES IF THESE ERRORS OCCUR
- Further grade evaluation (deduction for fact errors and name misspelling, if applicable)

Fact error or name misspelling (-10 to -50 point deduction) _____

Error deductions are based on type of fact that is wrong. For example, making a mistake about the time an event starts is a 25-point deduction because those types of errors cause readers to lose faith – AND miss the event. If a name was spelled correctly throughout the story but incorrectly once, the point deduction is lower.

Total points (100 pts.) *

Deadline is essential

Late stories will not be accepted.

	Excellent 5	Good 4	Average 3	Poor 2	Weak/Unacceptable 1-0
Lead 10 points	Focused & creative. News lead: contains many of 5 Ws & H. Feature lead: has nut graph. A WOW lead	Focused. News lead: contains some of 5 Ws & H. Feature lead: has nut graph. Needs little rewriting.	News lead: contains some of 5 Ws & H. Feature lead: has nut graph. Needs little rewriting but may be lazy lead	Lacks focus. Needs more information Feature lead: lacks nut graph. May have tense problems. <i>Needs rewriting.</i>	Lacks focus. Lacks vital information Does not match the story Feature lead: lacks nut graph. Tense problems, confusing. <i>Needs rewriting.</i>
Writing & Organization 25 points	Well written, organized, good transitions, proper paraphrases & quotes	Well organized and has transitions but needs some work, proper paraphrases & quotes	Fairly organized but needs improvement in transitions paraphrases & quotes	Needs some reorganization, Lacks succinct transitions, paraphrases & quotes	Needs significant reorganization and rewriting
Content 25 points	News worthy (has a news peg) and answers the 5 Ws & H. Balance. No holes. No opinion.	News worthy (has a news peg). Answers the 5 Ws & H. Balance. Some holes. No opinion.	Average news value, fails to answer some of the 5 Ws & H. Lacks balance or has holes, opinion	Weak news peg but answers some of the 5Ws & H. Needs balance. Some holes. Some opinion	Weak news peg, fails to answer some of the 5 Ws & H. Lacks balance. Holes, opinion
Sourcing 10 points	Best sources for topic, culturally diverse, all sides, attributed, full ID, 5+ sources	Good sources, some cultural diversity, several sides, attributed, 4/- or fewer sources	Average sources, not fully identified, Or perspectives missing, 3 or fewer sources	Average sources, not fully identified, Or perspectives missing, 2 or fewer sources	Lacking appropriate sources, lacking identification, not properly attributed 1 source / not sourced
AP Style 10 points	No AP style errors	1-2 AP Style errors	3-4 AP Style errors	5 AP Style errors	6-7 AP Style errors
Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation 25 points	0 GSP errors	1 GSP errors	2 GSP errors	3 GSP errors	4 / 5 GSP errors
Fact Error	No fact errors		Seldom does a fact error fall into a lesser category		Major fact error (wrong year, incorrect town, causes reader confusion, etc.)

Name Misspelling	No name errors		Careless name error (leaving h off Pittsburgh)		Incorrect proper name spelling (mayor, etc.)
Deadline	On deadline	-----	-----	-----	Late stories not accepted