

Ceremonial (Smudging) Guidelines

GUIDELINES

This guideline document has been created to ensure that Indigenous Peoples on this campus feel comfortable practicing ceremony, and also to provide guidance and cross-cultural learning opportunities across Campus.

Cleansing ceremonies (prayer/smudging) are welcome on all University of Alberta campuses. Several rooms have been pre-approved as recommended spaces for ceremony to provide and improve accessibility, and to mitigate the potential of fire and false fire alarms.

All University of Alberta campuses follow these guidelines, with the exception of [Augustana Campus](#).

Spaces recommended for cleansing ceremonies (prayer/smudging) can be used by faculty, students, or staff of the University of Alberta. Please note that there may be a charge for booking space.

Recommended spaces can be used at any time for ceremonies. Rooms must be booked ahead of time, and signs must be posted outside of the room while the ceremony is taking place. Signage is available from the Aboriginal Student Services Centre (SUB 2-400), or the [signage can be downloaded](#).

If a room is not listed below, please follow the instructions under #4.

1. RECOMMENDED CLASSROOMS

The spaces listed below have been identified as recommended classrooms for ceremonial practices.

Athabasca Hall	AT 227
Central Academic Building (CAB)	CAB 365
Council Chambers	2-100 University Hall
Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA)	1-190, 2-150, 2-420, 2-430, 2-490
Education North	Kiva Room (ED N2 103)
Humanities Centre	2-34

For the classrooms listed above, please follow Classroom Booking Procedures at <http://www.registrarsoffice.ualberta.ca/Classroom-Bookings/Procedures.aspx>

2. RECOMMENDED NON-CLASSROOM SPACE

a. Multi-faith Prayer and Meditation Space

Ceremonies may take place in this space by booking a room on the website for the [Multi-faith Prayer and Meditation Space](#).

b. Ceremonial Room (SUB)

The [Aboriginal Student Services Centre](#) Ceremonial Room (SUB 2-400) has been equipped with a fan to allow for ceremony on a day-to-day basis.

c. *Other Recommended Space Locations*

For the following rooms, please contact the faculty or unit to book the space.

Room	Contact to book	Email	Phone
<u>Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES)</u>			
Atrium	Rehana Bennett	rrbennet@ualberta.ca	780-492-0102
<u>Alberta School of Business</u>			
540A, 540B and 504 - there is a charge to rent these spaces.	Nadine Badry	Nadine.badry@ualberta.ca	780-492-1522
<u>Education South</u>			
107, 113, 122, 128, 129, 533A, 733A, 749, 751, 1030	Elaine Holtz	Elaine.holtz@ualberta.ca	780-492-0847
<u>Education North</u>			
4-110, 5-109, 7-111, 7-131	Elaine Holtz	Elaine.holtz@ualberta.ca	780-492-0847
<u>Enterprise Square (signage available at Security)</u>			
2-157 (Faculty of Business)	Sarah Cristello	scristel@ualberta.ca	780-492-5832
2-620i (Faculty of Extension)	Maggie Rojas	Maggie.rojas@ualberta.ca	780-492-5039
<u>Humanities Centre</u>			
3-95, 4-59	Bob Longworth	Bob.longworth@ualberta.ca	780-492-7839
4-29	Claire Fournier	Claire.fournier@ualberta.ca	780-492-8866
4-65	Lori Myers	Lori.myers@ualberta.ca	780-492-6457
<u>Law Centre</u>			
LC105		rmbook@ualberta.ca	
<u>Medical Science Building</u>			
2-02	Tibetha Kemble	kemble@ualberta.ca	
<u>Pembina Hall</u>			
2-06, 2-30	Bev Findlay	nativest@ualberta.ca	780-492-0519

<u>Van Vliet Centre</u>			
Main Gym East Gym 1-220	https://www.ualberta.ca/physical-education-recreation/facilities/north-campus/facility-rentals		
<u>Campus Saint-Jean</u>			
Pavillon Lacerte (1-07), Pavillon McMahon (1-44C)	Christian Tremblay	Christian.tremblay@ualberta.ca	780-991-0936

3. RECOMMENDED SPACES IN RESIDENCE

a. Residence Rooms

Any student who wishes to pray/smudge in their room may do so and would simply let their roommate(s) know, if applicable, and connect with their Residence Coordinator for signage to let neighbours know that there is a ceremony (prayer/smudge) in that particular space.

b. Other Spaces in Residence

Room	Contact to book	Email	Phone
<u>Lister Centre</u>			
Alberta Room, Aurora Room, Bison Room, Evergreen Room, Glacier Room, Lister Dining Centre, Maple Leaf Room, Prairie Room, Wild Rose Room, David Tuckey Gymnasium	Conference Services	conference.services@ualberta.ca	780-492-6057
<u>HUB</u>			
The Vault	HUB Community Association		780-439-8410
<u>East Campus Village (ECV)</u>			
E-Campus Commons	Book through the Residence Coordinator of the building you are currently living in.		

4. REQUESTING CEREMONY IN OTHER SPACES

All requested space is to be visited by the Environment, Health and Safety to assess the dynamics of the space. Additional space for ceremonies may be added to this list of recommended spaces after an assessment. To request an assessment please:

- Fill out the [Space Evaluation](#) form. This is automatically sent to Environment, Health and Safety.
- You will receive instructions by e-mail.

c. Applicant is responsible for booking the space through the appropriate channel.

5. *CONFERENCES and EVENTS*

We welcome guests to have ceremonies while using our conference facilities. We ask that groups that are intending to hold ceremonies, to notify [Conference Services](#) when booking their event.

6. *OUTDOOR SPACES*

Ceremonies (prayer/smudge) may take place in outdoor space on the UA campus. For large events, please follow the procedure for [Outdoor Site Bookings](#).