

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF**  
**UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)**  
**BY STUDENTS**  
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This guidance covers Humboldt State University (HSU) employees, volunteers, researchers, and students. The guidance covers individuals, classes, or researchers who plan to operate an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) that is owned by HSU; or operate any UAS on HSU property; or operate a UAS on property where HSU has an agreement with the property owner (or controlling authority). The guidance also covers individuals who are going to represent themselves as being associated with HSU, or are required to fly a UAS as part of their HSU employment, class assignment, or research.

All are required to:

- Have an HSU approved Flight Operations Plan
- Have a Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Remote Pilot Certificate
- Have an HSU UAS Safety Certificate or equivalent\*
- Abide by all required rules of the FAA

If not covered by the above restrictions, then HSU employees, volunteers, or students may be considered “hobbyists” and allowed to operate a UAS under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft ([https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/model\\_aircraft/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/model_aircraft/)). All such “hobbyist” operations are done at the risk of the individual and HSU assumes no responsibility or liability for operations.

In either case, the operators may use data within a class or research project as long as the data were collected legally.

For more information, please refer to the [HSU Policy on the Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\)](#).

\*Has DOT FAA pilot certificate rating for manned aircraft of any type; or has flown UAS for any local, state, or federal agency; or has been approved by the HSU UAS advisory committee.