**Laws and Policies Governing Non-Firearm Weapons on Campus**

[House Bill 280](https://www.usg.edu/hb280), commonly referred to as “campus carry”, only modifies legislation regarding handguns, and has no relation to knives or bladed weapons, pepper/OC spray, or electroshock weapons (such as TASERs).

**NOT PERMITTED ON CAMPUS**

**Bladed Weapons** - O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1 classifies “...any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade...” as a weapon, stating that the possession or carrying of such weapon is unlawful on a college campus.

**PERMITTED ON CAMPUS**

**Pepper/OC Spray** - Pepper/OC spray is not regulated under Georgia law. As such, it is allowed to be carried and possessed on the Dalton State campus

• Misuse of pepper spray may be subject to disciplinary sanctions under Institute policy

**Electroshock Weapons** - Commonly referred to as “stun guns” or by the brand name TASER, possession and carrying of these weapons is allowed for individuals 18 years of age and older

.• Regulated by O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1

• As with pepper spray, misuse may be subject to disciplinary sanctions under Institute policy