

 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY Dalhousie Libraries	Dalhousie Libraries	
	Title: Quiet Guidelines	Issued: 2018-02-15
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The Dalhousie Libraries recognize both the need for quiet work spaces and the need for conversational and collaborative work spaces. The goal of these guidelines is to ensure that both types of working environments are consistently available to patrons.

The Libraries strive to provide an environment that is conducive to study as well as welcoming to users. All library staff and users of the library and learning commons should respect the rights of others and refrain from making excessive noise while using any of our spaces.

The Libraries are divided into zones. Signage in each area indicates the type of zone you are entering.

- **Silent study areas:**
 - Conversations are not allowed
 - Headphones may be used if noise from headphones is not audible to others
 - Laptops may be operated, but all sound or audio features must be turned off
 - Cell phones and pagers should be turned to silent or off
- **Limited conversation areas:**
 - Quiet, short conversations are allowed. Audible recorded sounds (e.g. music, movies or cell phone ringtones) are not allowed.
- **Collaborative work areas / group study rooms:**
 - Quiet conversations are allowed as long as the sound does not disrupt the work of other patrons. Audible recorded sounds (e.g. music, movies or cell phone ringtones) are not allowed.

Please be respectful of others needs for quiet in the libraries and learning commons. Honour requests for quiet and move to another location if an unintended disruption occurs.

Thank you for your cooperation.