



<b>Policy Title:</b>	<i>On Campus Demonstrations Policy</i>
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<b>Related Policies:</b>	Speaker Policy, Code of Student Conduct
<b>Related Forms:</b>	<a href="#">Demonstration Request Form</a>

## **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

As a Jesuit and Catholic institution, Seattle University empowers leaders for a just and humane world and promotes an academic community characterized by inquiry, discernment, and the pursuit of truth. The University therefore recognizes the right of students to freely express their views through peaceful demonstrations and dissent. Any student, group of students, or registered student organization can organize an on-campus demonstration in accordance with this Policy.

## **II. PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

While the University recognizes and supports the right of students to freely express their views through demonstrations, it also stresses a concurrent obligation to ensure safety, to maintain a campus atmosphere conducive to education and University business, to preserve the dignity of University ceremonies and public exercises, and to respect the rights of all individuals. Because these priorities may be in conflict, the purpose of this policy is to define the University's limits on the time, place, and manner of on-campus demonstrations.

## **III. APPLICABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY**

The right to demonstrate on campus is for currently enrolled Seattle University students. Outside speakers may be invited to registered demonstrations in accordance with the Speaker Policy. Outside groups are not permitted to organize or participate in on campus demonstrations. This policy is administered by the Office of the Dean of Students.

## **IV. DEFINITIONS**

“Demonstrations” are defined as any organized gathering of two or more students for the purpose of engaging in the expression of a specific viewpoint or message, to advocate for a cause, or to protest an issue, through activities including, but not limited to: rallies, sit-ins, vigils, picketing, speak outs, walkouts, protests, marches, or other forms of expression or dissent.



## **V. POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Demonstrations on the Seattle University campus must adhere to the following process:

### *1. Demonstration Registration Process*

As far in advance as possible, but at least 48 university business hours before the planned demonstration, the event organizer(s) should complete the On-Campus Demonstration Request Form: [https://seattleux.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_81usdOF5JZRdiBw](https://seattleux.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81usdOF5JZRdiBw)

Organizers are encouraged to meet with a staff member in the Office of the Dean of Students before submitting a demonstration request for assistance in planning event logistics.

Except with respect to content that would otherwise violate a University policy, the demonstration registration process is content neutral and intended to assist the organizer(s) with reserving space while ensuring that the organizer(s) understand their responsibilities and the University's responsibilities, which are detailed in this policy.

### *2. Demonstration Planning Meeting*

A staff member from the Office of the Dean of Students will review the demonstration request and contact the organizer(s) within a reasonable timeframe to schedule a demonstration planning meeting.

The demonstration planning meeting provides an opportunity for the organizer and the University to work together to plan and implement an event that achieves the organizers' objections and promotes the safety of participants and the University community. The University reserves the right and has the responsibility for determining the nature and extent of safety measures, which may include, but are not limited to, relocating an event, changing its timing, implementing identification checks, securing buildings, and requiring the presence additional of Public Safety staff.

### *3. Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions*

Demonstration requests will be approved when the event aligns with the following reasonable boundaries on time, place, and manner.

#### *i. Time*

Demonstration requests should be submitted as far in advance as possible and at least 48 university business hours before the planned demonstration. Demonstrations cannot be advertised until the organizers have participated in a demonstration planning meeting and the space reservation has been approved by University Events. Demonstrations are limited to 3 hours, including event setup and teardown. To ensure student safety, overnight demonstrations such as encampments are not permitted.

#### *ii. Place*

The University will make appropriate space available for students to engage in demonstrations when such use does not interfere with the rights of others or with the University's commitment to



maintaining a campus atmosphere that is conducive to academic work and University business, preserves the dignity and seriousness of University ceremonies and public exercises, respects the rights of all individuals. Demonstrations will generally be approved to take place in the following high-visibility locations: the Library Plaza, the Quad, or Union Green. Requests to reserve other space will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Office of the Dean of Students will assist organizers with reserving space. If an appropriate space is not available on the requested date and time, the Office of the Dean of Students will provide organizers with alternative space, date, and time options.

To mitigate the potential for a substantial disruption to the University's living and learning environment, the following locations are not available for to reserve for demonstrations: employee offices; administrative office suites; classrooms; labs; the library and law library; athletics and recreation facilities; campus entrances; parking lots/garages; campus malls; interior areas of academic and administrative buildings, religious, spiritual, or sacred spaces; and locations from which the University provides emergency services.

If the planned demonstration is a counter-protest focused on an event or program occurring in one of these restricted areas, the University will designate a space for the demonstration in a nearby location that provides appropriate proximity without interfering with the living and learning environment.

### iii.Manner

Campus demonstrations must be conducted in such a manner as to respect the rights and welfare of others. The following conduct is prohibited:

- Interfering with building access, blocking emergency exits or fire lanes, or impeding automobile or pedestrian traffic.
- Failing to observe established building hours.
- Damaging University or personal property.
- Using violence or force or encouraging others to use violence or force.
- Engaging in harassment or discrimination as defined by applicable University policies.
- Actively disrupting scheduled classes, meetings, teaching, administration, or disciplinary procedures and/or other University functions, events, or authorized activities. Using amplified sound devices (e.g., megaphones, horns, speakers).
- Wearing masks or face coverings to conceal identity.
- Violating local, state, or federal law or other University policies.
- Preventing others from accessing University classes, education programs, or services.
- Interfering with the rights of others to demonstrate.

Department of Public Safety and Office of the Dean of Students staff will generally be present at demonstrations to ensure safety and are available to assist organizers and participants if needed.

Organizers are responsible for ensuring cleanup at the conclusion of the event.



**VI. VIOLATIONS**

If the University determines that an individual or group may have violated this Policy, the University may remove the individual from the demonstration or terminate the demonstration entirely. In addition, the University may exercise its rights as a private property owner to trespass individuals engaging in prohibited conduct during demonstrations, may refer students or organizations to the Office of Student Conduct & Integrity Formation for disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct, and/or may take other action as deemed necessary by the University.

**VII. RELATED INFORMATION**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>University Links</b>	Code of Student Conduct: <a href="https://www.seattleu.edu/office-of-the-dean-of-students/policies-records/code-of-student-conduct/">https://www.seattleu.edu/office-of-the-dean-of-students/policies-records/code-of-student-conduct/</a> Non-Discrimination Policy: <a href="https://www.seattleu.edu/policies-regulations/nondiscrimination-policy/">https://www.seattleu.edu/policies-regulations/nondiscrimination-policy/</a> Speaker Policy: <a href="https://www.seattleu.edu/media/seattle-university/documents/policies/general/Speaker-Policy.pdf">https://www.seattleu.edu/media/seattle-university/documents/policies/general/Speaker-Policy.pdf</a>
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<b>Related Links</b>	Supporting Demonstrations on Campus: Policy & Resources for Students: <a href="https://shorturl.at/hBVPI">https://shorturl.at/hBVPI</a>
<b>Procedures</b>	