



PLANNING DEMONSTRATIONS ON CAMPUS



Seattle University has a long, active student history of activism on campus. Freedom of expression is seen as an important, educative way to share opinions, organize people, and make change for the better. This guide aims to help organizers know the steps to consider when planning a successful demonstration on campus: the processes to register your protest, guidelines to be aware of, and how to keep you and other organizers safe during your activity.

REFLECTION + ACTION

Per our Jesuit heritage, the process of planning for a demonstration can take a mixture of reflection (looking inward to ground yourself) and action (looking to make change externally). These are not mutually exclusive. Rather, they're a cycle that can help keep you and others focused on the changes you want to make despite challenges. Make sure to build in time to reflect, discern, practice gratitude, heal, and plan further action.

SAFETY + CONFRONTATIONS

Discuss what you think you would need to allow for your demonstration regarding safety. Do you want a visible Public Safety presence? Less visible? Do you expect a counter protest? What is the plan to deescalate confrontations?

Public Safety is available for consultations on demonstrations. While they will be present during demonstrations on campus, as organizers you can work with them to determine safety needs or concerns.

DEMONSTRATION REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Discern the intent of the demonstration with your club or group.
2. Initiate contact with the Center for Student Involvement staff (Student Center 350) at least 48 hours before your demonstration.
3. Talk through your plans with staff for your demonstration including safety, possible counter protests, timing, location, date, intended message, and other considerations.
4. Share the intended response the organizers would like to receive about the issue.
5. Continue planning your demonstration. CSI staff is still available for consult if you have further questions or need clarification.
6. Hold your demonstration.



CONSULT THE CODE

The Code of Student Conduct outlines the policies and expectations for students for demonstrations, political campaigning, political appearances, speakers, publications and media. Organizers should be knowledgeable of these policies while planning their action steps. See Section 4.8: Freedom of Expression in the Code at: www.seattleu.edu/deanofstudents