



<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 and supports the right of students to freely express their views through peaceful demonstrations. 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 has an obligation to ensure safety, maintain a campus atmosphere conducive to education and University business, preserve the dignity of University ceremonies and public exercises, and to respect the rights of all individuals. To meet these goals, the purpose of this policy is to define the University's time, place, and manner requirements of on-campus demonstrations.

## **III. APPLICABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY**

The right to demonstrate on campus is a privilege reserved 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. The Office of the Dean of Students is responsible for the administration of this policy.

## **IV. DEFINITIONS**

“Demonstrations” are defined as any organized gathering of a student or students for the purpose of engaging in the expression of a viewpoint or message, to advocate for a cause, or to protest an issue.



## 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 hours before the planned demonstration, the event organizer(s) must complete the On-Campus Demonstration Request Form:

[https://seattleu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_81usdOF5JZRdiBw](https://seattleu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81usdOF5JZRdiBw)

Organizers are encouraged to meet with the Dean of Students or their designee 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*

The Dean of Students or their designee 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' objectives and promotes the safety of participants and the University community. The University reserves the right to determine 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 of additional Public Safety staff.

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

Demonstration requests must align with the following time, place, and manner requirements.

#### i. Time

Demonstration requests should be submitted as far in advance as possible but at least 48 hours before the planned demonstration. Demonstrations may be advertised only after the organizers have participated in a demonstration planning meeting, the space reservation has been approved by University Events, and the demonstration request is approved in writing by the Dean of Students or their designee. Demonstrations are limited to 3 hours, including event setup and teardown. Demonstrations must be conducted between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

#### 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 disruption to the University's living and learning environment, the following locations are not available 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.
- Disrupting scheduled classes, meetings, teaching, administration, or other University functions, events, or authorized activities.
- Using amplified sound devices (e.g., megaphones, horns, speakers) in a manner that disrupts classes, meetings, teaching, administration, or and/or other University functions, events, or authorized activities.
- Failing to provide student identification when requested by a University official.
- 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**

Item	Description
<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>
<b>Forms</b>	On-Campus Demonstration Request Form: <a href="https://seattleux.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81usdOF5JZRdiBw">https://seattleux.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81usdOF5JZRdiBw</a>
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<b>Procedures</b>	