

Free Speech



A Guide for Demonstrations at UC Irvine

“Sharing information and ideas and raising awareness of important issues can be great assets to the university community.

Let’s contribute positively and promote a safe and fair educational environment for everyone.”

UC IRVINE'S COMMITMENT

UC Irvine is committed to assuring that all persons may exercise the constitutionally protected rights of free expression, speech and assembly.

The ongoing opportunity for the expression of a variety of viewpoints is at the core of this commitment. As campus members, it is imperative that we live up to the responsibilities that accompany these rights.

KEEP IN MIND

Participants may video or audio record an event that is open to the public as long as it is in compliance with the **UC Administrative Policies & Procedures Section 900-30**, Policy on Filming and Photography on the UC Irvine Campus.



WHEN PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION

Tips for Registered Campus Organizations

1. **Prior to your demonstration:** Review the UC Irvine policies and clarify policy-related questions with the **Office of Campus Organizations** at **949.824.5181**.
2. **Develop a plan:** Meet with the Director for Campus Organizations to discuss the demonstration logistics such as format, location, speakers, and any other pertinent issues to assure a safe and successful event.
3. **Reserve a venue:** Make a reservation for an appropriate venue with the **Student Center & Event Services** at **949.824.5252**. Utilize the time, place and manner regulations along with areas for public gatherings, sound amplification policies, and non-university speaker requirements (*as mentioned in Speech and Advocacy, section 30.30 - policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710523/PACAOS-30*).
4. **Report safety concerns promptly:** If safety is a concern, contact **UC Irvine Police Department (UCIPD)** at **949.824.5223** immediately.
5. **Confrontation:** Meet with your members and discuss how they should respond in case they are confronted with offensive speech, behavior or violence during your demonstration. Do not respond physically and contact UCIPD.
6. **Always:** Inform your participants of the university policies and share this publication.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING POLICIES

Student Conduct Policies

dos.uci.edu/conduct/students/code-of-student-conduct-grounds-for-discipline.php

1. Blocking of entrances to or otherwise restricting the free flow of traffic into and out of campus buildings, parking lots, campus roads and walkways with tables or movable stands (*section 102.13, 102.15*)
2. Obstructing or disrupting campus activities, classes, and offices (*section 102.13*)
3. Utilizing amplified sound without prior approval that disrupts campus activities (*section 102.13*)
4. Engaging in physically abusive or threatening conduct toward any person (*section 102.08*)
5. Exhibiting disorderly or lewd conduct (*section 102.14*)
6. Participating in a disturbance of the peace or unlawful assembly (*section 102.15*)
7. Failure to comply with a university official acting in the performance of their duties (*section 102.16*)
8. Engaging in theft, destruction of, or damage to any university property or equipment (*section 102.04*)

Interpretation of Policy

Contact the Office of Student Conduct 949.824.5590



Free Speech

Free speech as defined by the United States Constitution and the State of California Constitution does not give a public university the right to regulate speech in public forms. A public university must remain neutral in subject matter and viewpoint.

Rights of Free Speech and Academic Freedom at UC Irvine

The exercise and protection of freedom of speech and expression are at the core of UC Irvine's mission of teaching, research and public service. UCI actively attempts to engage the community to promote and model civil and respectful dialogue on campus.

Time, Place and Manner Regulations

Orderly behavior and the normal conduct of UC Irvine affairs shall govern time, place, and manner of exercising free speech and advocacy. Regard for the privacy of others shall be observed, and reasonable precautions shall be taken against practices which would make persons on campus involuntary audiences. Activities that are determined to pose a risk to personal safety, university property, or facility security will be rescheduled until such time that adequate and appropriate security can be made available, as determined by the UCI Police Department. Refer to *UCI Administrative Policies and Procedures Section 905*.

California Education Code

"...The Regents of the University of California ... shall [not] make or enforce any rule subjecting any student to disciplinary sanction solely on the basis of conduct that is speech or other communication that, when engaged in outside a campus..., is protected from governmental restriction" by the U.S. or California Constitutions. (*section 66301*)

INFORMATION

Free Speech at UC Irvine

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