

Designated Free Speech Areas Palm Desert Campus

All persons may exercise constitutionally-protected rights of free expression, speech, assembly, and worship; such activities may not interfere with the orderly operation of the campus and all activities must be conducted in accordance with campus time, place, and manner regulations (Section 42353 of Title 5 of the California Administrative Code and University President's Directive Regarding Use of State University Buildings and Grounds).

The following policies and regulations on speech and advocacy reflect the mission of the university to develop and conduct an educational program in an atmosphere of inquiry and free expression.

All uses of the university's buildings and grounds are governed by the President's Directive Regarding Use of State University Buildings and Grounds and campus Policy on Buildings and Grounds Use. Persons on university property assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the university's function as an educational institution. Use of buildings and grounds must not prevent or disturb regular university functions and approved activities, nor interfere with movement to and from activities and facilities.

Many campus outdoor areas may be used to facilitate open discussions, outdoor activities, and other events. Entrances and exits may not be blocked. In general, they include (a) Designated Free Speech Areas Requiring No Reservation; (b) Designated Free Speech Areas Requiring Prior Reservation; and (c) Other campus outdoor areas not covered by those listed in (a) or (b):

Designated Free Speech Area Requiring No Reservation: On the Palm Desert Campus, the outside area identified as the R. D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Plaza is officially designated as a free speech area. This area does not require reservation. Amplified sounds are not permitted due to the proximity to classrooms.

Designated Free Speech Areas Requiring Prior Reservation: The use of other areas require prior written reservation for use. A reservation must be made and confirmed with the dean of the Palm Desert Campus in advance under the provisions as stated above.

Campus demonstrations, including picketing, are permitted on campus subject to university guidelines for time, place and manner. Specific guidelines for demonstrations outside the designated Free Speech Areas on campus include the following:

1. File the appropriate reservation form(s) in advance of the proposed event according to the guidelines set forth above.

2. Demonstrations may not occur within university buildings or residences.
3. Demonstrations may not interfere with scheduled meetings, educational programs, or vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
4. No sound amplification equipment may be used without prior written approval.
5. Participants must conduct themselves in an orderly manner, comply with federal, state, and university regulations, and must not interfere with the University Police in the performance of their duties.

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