

Guidelines for Students Regarding Public Assembly and Expression

The right of discussion and expression of all views is a basic principle within the University. The University willingly serves as a prominent public venue for the open and free exchange of ideas and supports students' right to protest with the understanding that the safety of individuals, the protection of property, and the continuation of the academic process without interference are of paramount importance.

UCR is committed to a respectful, cooperative, professional, and courteous campus environment. Our university is a place where diverse ideas and ideologies are encouraged, discussed, and evaluated in the give and take of reasoned dialogue.

Existing campus policies and procedures are designed to ensure a supportive and safe environment for all members of the UCR community, including those who may express conflicting or dissenting views. Policies applicable to protest and demonstration are summarized on the following pages. The full text of each of these policies is available for review through the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs website <http://www.vcsa.ucr.edu/>. Student leaders are encouraged to consult with the Dean of Students, Director of Judicial Affairs and the Chief of Police in planning demonstration and protest events to ensure that the events are successful and accomplish their goals in a mutually agreeable manner. Students and/or student organizations who elect to ignore or violate University policies and expectations will be subject to applicable campus/administrative and or legal/criminal sanctions.

Summary of Ground Rules and Polices Applicable to Public Assembly and Expression

<p>Time, Place and Manner Ground Rules for UCR Demonstrations</p> <p>The University of California willingly serves as a prominent public venue for open and free exchange of ideas. This is consistent with the principles of academic freedom. Our rich history as a site for important dialogues includes a variety of sizes and types of experiences, ranging from individual to mass demonstration, and from peaceful to violent events.</p> <p>It is therefore prudent for the University to develop and disseminate regulations intended to insure the safety of everyone involved while protecting their Constitutional rights. To that end, the following “Time, Place and Manner” ground rules provide a framework for the conduct of demonstrations which protects the rights of all persons (demonstrators and non-demonstrators) which conforms to all applicable campus rules and regulations, and to applicable state laws; and which addresses necessary health and safety and risk management issues.</p>	
<i>Time and Place</i>	<p>Demonstrators may conduct their activities during normal business hours in the public areas of any campus facility, or any time in any outdoor public place (.e., outdoor places/spaces with unrestricted access). After-hours activities may be authorized in specific campus facilities, after consultation with the appropriate campus officials, and may require the presence of mutually acceptable campus staff and/or faculty acting as activity monitors.</p>
<i>Manner</i>	<p>The following rules of conduct apply to all persons, not solely demonstrators:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No one may interfere with, or block or impede, the normal access, ingress or egress to or from any building or portion of one. 2. No one may block or impede access to any emergency alarm system(s). 3. No one may interfere or tamper with any part of any emergency alarm system. 4. No one may engage in any activity which endangers personal safety, which results in damage to personal or University property, or which violates the privacy and/or confidentiality of sensitive University records. 5. No one may interfere with, or disrupt, normal University business, classes, or any organized and authorized University activity inside or outside a campus building. 6. No one may refuse to follow the lawful directions of a university official or police officer acting in their official capacities. 7. No one may interfere with the ability of vehicles to enter or exit a roadway or with the normal flow of vehicular traffic.
<p>Please note that anyone who elects to ignore or violate the ground rules established in this document becomes subject to applicable campus/administrative, and/or legal/criminal sanctions. Further, violations may create or exacerbate extraordinary personal safety hazards (e.g. moving away from an assigned area, which can lead to a confrontation with angry, hostile (and possibly violent) persons who object to your protest activities. Person(s) choosing to engage in such hazardous activities do so at their own risk.</p>	
<p>Campus Policy Number 700-85: Non-Academic Scheduling & Use of University Facilities http://www.commonsonline.ucr.edu/scheduling/policies.html</p>	
<i>Free Speech Areas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Areas open to the public generally" at UCR are defined as the outdoor paved walkways on campus.
<i>Distribution of</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These areas may be used for distribution by hand of non-commercial literature

<p><i>Literature</i></p> <p><i>Activities that are pre-advertised, require sound amplification or are expected to attract 25 or more</i></p>	<p>incidental to First Amendment freedoms. This literature must be distributed free of charge except for reasonable reimbursement for the costs of production. No distribution of literature may occur in entrances to buildings, inside buildings or classrooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any activity that is pre-advertised, requires sound amplification or can reasonably be expected to attract a crowd of 25 or more must be scheduled in advance through the Non-Academic Scheduling Office and is limited to the Bell Tower Walkway or Speaker's Mound area.
<p><i>Scheduling of the bell tower area, speaker's mound, bookstore east patio area - amplified sound</i></p>	<p>All activities planned for these areas must be scheduled through the Non-Academic Scheduling Office. Amplified speech/music is limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Bell Tower and Speaker's Mound are for speech or music only. Simultaneous events (except Wednesday Nooners) may occur if they are not conflicting. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Winter Quarter Wednesdays (Noon - 1:00 p.m. only): The sound level must be no higher than 80 decibels (C-weighting) at 50 ft from Bell Tower when speakers are pointed North and no higher than 70 decibels at 50 ft from Bell Tower when speakers point in any other direction. A student organization or department is limited to two amplified events per quarter. Wednesdays (Noon - 1:00 p.m. only): Fall and Spring Quarters limited to Student Life & Leadership "Nooners" and may involve loud amplification. No other conflicting amplified activities are allowed in this area. Bookstore East Patio & Commons Internal Courtyard is limited to non-amplified, non-disruptive music which may be scheduled through the Non-Academic Scheduling Office for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from Noon to 1 p.m. Patio A & B in the Commons Main Lounge may be reserved by students groups after 5:00 p.m. Others may reserve these Patio's on a case by case basis.
<p><i>Clean up, Repair or Replacement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If it is determined by Non-Academic Scheduling or Physical Plant Custodial and Grounds personnel, that a facility, or it's surrounding area, has not been straightened, trash has not been emptied properly and equipment has been defaced or broken, a clean-up/repair and replacement charge will be assessed to the user.
<p>Campus Policy Number: 700-50 Campus Posting http://www.vcsa.ucr.edu/conduct/facility.html#post</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All materials posted on bulletin boards and kiosks must be no larger than 8 1/2" by 11". Materials must clearly bear the name of the sponsoring organization or department, and must be stamped "<i>Meets UC Riverside Posting Policy</i>" and date stamped in the Student Life & Leadership Center. Posting of information which defames an individual or group or which presents a clear and present danger to the orderly operation of the campus will be prohibited and removed. No materials may be posted on trees, doors, windows, interior or exterior walls, light poles, columns, or sidewalks. Leafleting parking lots is prohibited. No signs or drawings may be placed on sidewalks without permission of the Campus Board of Review. Appeals for violation of any part of the posting policy may be made to the Campus Board of Review for recommendation to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. 	

University of California *Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students*
102.00 Grounds for Discipline

<http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/uwnews/aospol/uc100.html>

<p>102.04 Theft, conversion, destruction, or damage to property</p>	<p>Theft of, conversion of, destruction of, or damage to any property of the University, or any property of others while on University premises, or possession of any property when the student had knowledge or reasonably should have had knowledge that it was stolen.</p>
<p>102.05 Theft or abuse of University computers and other University electronic resources</p>	<p>Theft or abuse of University computers and other University electronic resources such as computer and electronic communications facilities, systems, and services. Abuses include (but are not limited to) unauthorized entry, use, transfer, or tampering with the communications of others, and interference with the work of others and with the operation of computer and electronic communications facilities, systems, and services.</p>
<p>102.06 Unauthorized entry to or use of University services, equipment, resources; or property</p>	<p>Unauthorized entry to, possession of, receipt of, or use of any University services; equipment; resources; or properties, including the University's name, insignia, or seal.</p>
<p>102.08 Physical abuse</p>	<p>Physical abuse including but not limited to rape, sexual assault, sex offenses, and other physical assault; threats of violence; or other conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person.</p>
<p>102.11 Harassment</p>	<p>Harassment by a student of any person. For the purposes of these <i>Policies</i>, 'harassment': a) is the use, display, or other demonstration of words, gestures, imagery, or physical materials, or the engagement in any form of bodily conduct, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, alienage, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, that has the effect of creating a hostile and intimidating environment sufficiently severe or pervasive to substantially impair a reasonable person's participation in University programs or activities, or use of University facilities; b) must target a specific person or persons; and c) must be addressed directly to that person or persons.</p>
<p>102.13 Obstruction or disruption</p>	<p>Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other University activities.</p>
<p>102.14 Disorderly or lewd conduct.</p>	<p>Disorderly or lewd conduct.</p>
<p>102.15 Disturbance of the peace or unlawful assembly</p>	<p>Participation in a disturbance of the peace or unlawful assembly.</p>
<p>102.16 Failure to comply with the directions of, a University official</p>	<p>Failure to identify oneself to, or comply with the directions of, a University official or other public official acting in the performance of his or her duties while on University property or at official University functions; or resisting or obstructing such University or other public officials in the performance of or the attempt to perform their duties.</p>

105.00 Types of Student Disciplinary Action (Sanctions)

When a student is found in violation of University policies or campus regulations, any of the following types of student disciplinary action may be imposed in accordance with the UCR *Guidelines for the Administration of the Standards of Conduct*.. Any sanction imposed should be appropriate to the violation, taking into consideration the context and seriousness of the violation.

- Warning/Censure
- Disciplinary Probation
- Loss of Privileges and Exclusion from Activities
- Suspension
- Dismissal
- Exclusion from Areas of Campus or from Official University Functions
- Interim Suspension
- Restitution
- Revocation of Degree
- Work assignments or service
- Educational Activities

Resources

Help and support is available to students and student organizations in planning and managing public demonstrations through the UCR Police Department and the UCR Student Affairs Division.

Police Department	Mike Lane	Police Sergeant	mike.lane@ucr.edu	8-5222
Student Affairs Division	Susan Allen Ortega	Dean of Students	susan.allenortega@ucr.edu	8-4595