

When an invention is made by a student not involving significant use of funds, space, facilities, equipment, materials, or other resources of or administered by the University, the University will waive its rights, and the invention will be the exclusive property of the student, provided the student's rights in the invention are not altered by the terms of any financial aid received, including external sponsorship, scholarships, fellowships, traineeships, thesis expenses, or other assistance, whether or not administered by the University and provided the invention is not subject to third-party rights.

**Curry Student Center** Student Center facilities may be reserved by recognized student organizations and University departments. The University reserves the right to limit the use of its facilities when the general public is involved. Refer to *Curry Student Center Operations Policies* at [www.curry.neu.edu](http://www.curry.neu.edu) for specific building policies.

**Demonstrations** The University supports as fundamental to the democratic process the rights of all members of the University community to express their views and to protest actions or opinions with which there is disagreement. A university is where individuals express diverse ideas and viewpoints in an atmosphere free of any physical force. The University insists that all demonstrations be peaceful and orderly and abide by University regulations.

- Demonstrators must not block corridors or entrances or use loud noise to disrupt a conference, meeting, or assembly.
- Demonstrations may not be conducted in faculty or administrative offices, classrooms, libraries, or study areas.
- Moving picket lines in University corridors are prohibited. (Protests may be registered by individuals or groups standing in a single line against a corridor wall, but corridors must be kept open at all times for the free passage of other members of the community.)

Students, faculty, or other members of the University community who violate these regulations will be subject to disciplinary action; violators also jeopardize their right to remain in the University community.

**Departmental jurisdiction** Certain departments of the University shall have the power to set down rules and regulations governing the operation of the departments' respective areas of responsibility. Such rules and regulations shall be in accord with the "General Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" as well as with the policies pertaining to student conduct as defined in this document.

**Dismissal from class** Students dismissed from classes for insubordination or other disciplinary reasons may not return without the approval of the vice president for Student Affairs.

**E-mail** Motivated by convenience, speed, cost-effectiveness, and the environmental advantages of using e-mail rather than printed communication, there is an expanding reliance on electronic communication among students, faculty, staff, and administration at Northeastern University. Because of this increasing reliance and acceptance of electronic communication, e-mail is considered an official means for communicating critical information to enrolled students.

**University E-mail Policy:**

- **University use of e-mail** E-mail should be used solely for the communication of specific, individual messages. General announcements should be communicated via the student portal.

All use of e-mail, including use for sensitive or confidential information, will be consistent with the Northeastern University Appropriate Use Policy, [www.help.neu.edu/aupContent.html](http://www.help.neu.edu/aupContent.html), and with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) that protects the confidentiality of student records. E-mail shall not be the sole method for notification of any legal action.