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## A. PUBLIC FORUMS AND FREE SPEECH

Reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the use of public forums are permissible, provided that they are carefully designed to (1) coordinate the appropriate use of a particular location for speech activities, remain viewpoint-neutral, and not to prohibit particular forms of expression; (2) “serve a significant government interest” and are not more extensive than necessary to serve that interest; and (3) “leave open ample alternative channels for communication of the information.” They must be clear and specific enough to place the public on notice as to exactly what is authorized and what is forbidden.

Speakers at any protests, rallies, demonstrations, meetings, or similar events enjoy the rights of free speech and members of the campus community and other persons shall have the right to disagree with and protest any speaker or event, in compliance with all provisions of this policy. Students and faculty are free to express their opinion and views in the classroom without censorship, provided that such expressions are not disruptive and are related to the subject matter under discussion in the class or are invited by the class instructor. Those not enrolled in a class or specifically invited by the instructor to attend a particular class do not enjoy such rights.

CSU Dominguez Hills, like most other institutions, routinely sets forth regulations pertaining to the way activities may be conducted. Three examples of such restrictions follow:

1. Scheduled events take precedence over spur of the moment
2. Because an event may interfere with classes in session and/or other activities, please refer to Section B, Amplified Sound, page 2 for sound amplification

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3. Activities that restrict or disturb the routine business of the University are generally prohibited or closely monitored and as such, may be directed to cease should it be determined that such activity is restricting or disturbing the business of the

**TIME:** Daily, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. However, current CSU Dominguez Hills registered students, student clubs/organizations, staff, and faculty, may engage in freedom of expression activities that require more flexibility and options.

**PLACE:** Freedom of expression activities may take place on campus with the following exceptions: inside parking lots and university buildings and within 20 feet of any location in which instructional, educational, and/or official business activities are being conducted.

**MANNER:** Freedom of expression must be conducted in a manner that (1) shall not interfere with or obstruct the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, (2) shall not interfere with or disrupt the conduct of university business, (3) shall be carried out without creating excessive noise by use of a device, (4) shall not unreasonably interfere with classes in session or other scheduled academic, educational, co-curricular programs, (5) shall not promote an unlawful end, such as promoting actual violence or bodily or property harms, terrorist threats, defamation, obscenity, and false advertising, and (6) shall not violate any federal, state or local safety code, such as regulations set by the State Fire Marshal. Persons using areas generally available to students and the community are allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter. Individuals or groups distributing materials in these areas, other than material discarded or dropped in or around appropriate receptacles, shall make a reasonable

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effort to retrieve and remove such materials, prior to their departure from the areas that day. These procedures will be administered by the Vice President for Student Affairs, Faculty Affairs, or Human Resource Management and will be enforced by the University Police Department. Enforcement will be in compliance with existing state and federal laws.

**VIOLATIONS:** Behavior in violation of any of these regulations is subject to intervention by university and/or law enforcement officials. In the event of an alleged or perceived violation, those in violation will be asked to comply with the applicable regulations by the appropriate campus authorities.

If a violation persists or is repeated, or if the assembly poses an imminent danger to public safety, those assembled may be required to disperse immediately. Continued violation may result in arrest, code of conduct violations for students, and subsequent legal action by the university. If the violation occurs at a scheduled event, the permission for the event may be immediately revoked, and future requests by those individuals or groups in violation may be canceled or denied.

University disciplinary action against CSU Dominguez Hills community members alleged to have violated this policy and procedure shall be in conformity with the Code of Student Conduct, and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements and established University guidelines.

The Division of Student Affairs, Faculty Affairs, and Human Resource Management can provide further information about issues of free speech.

**REFERENCE:**

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Education Code, Sections 66600, 66606, 89030, 89031, and 89035. California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 42350 - 42353. Penal Code Sections, 148, 407, 409, 415.5, 602.1, 626.4, 626.6, and 647c.

- [Complete Time, Place, and Manner Policy \[PDF\]](#)

**Supporting Documents:**

- [Presidential Statement on Time, Place, and Manner – 2019-02 \[PDF\]](#)
- [Use of University Buildings, Facilities, or Grounds and Time, Place and Manner Policy – 2019-03 \[PDF\]](#) (Supersedes 2018-02)

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